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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 2, 1950.

INAUGURAL EXERCISES.

The ceremonies attending the inauguration of Mayor-elect John B. Hynes, the City Councilors-elect of the City of Boston, and the School Committeemen-elect of the School Committee were held in Symphony Hall at ten o'clock A.M., the Mayor-elect, the members-elect of the Council, and the members-elect of the School Committee being present.

The proceedings were interspersed with musical numbers by Bob Hardy's Orchestra and the Kobzars Ukrainian Male Chorus.

Assistant City Clerk WALTER J. MALLOY—Ladies and gentlemen, as Assistant City Clerk of the City of Boston, I now officially open these inaugural ceremonies. The principal purpose of these exercises is the taking of the oath of office by the Mayor-elect, the members-elect of the City Council, and the members-elect of the School Committee.

Incidentally, may I state that this occasion gives me distinct personal pleasure, as Mayor-elect Hynes has been my immediate superior for many years, and were it not for the fact that he has been elected Mayor of the City of Boston, he would be performing today the duties at this ceremony to which I have been assigned.

I now have the pleasure to present the Kobzars Ukrainian Male Chorus, who will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

("The Star-Spangled Banner" was then sung by the Kobzars Ukrainian Male Chorus.)

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—I now respectfully present His Excellency, the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, who will give the invocation.

Archbishop RICHARD J. CUSHING—Almighty and Eternal God, Whose wisdom must direct even the affairs of state unless we are to go astray, we beseech Thee direct him who is to take the high office of Mayor of our beloved city and those who work with him in his administration. The motto of our city is "Sicut patribus sit Deus nobis"—as God was with our fathers, so may He be with us. This morning we repeat that prayer, asking its fulfillment once again through the blessings we beg for our new administration and our Mayor.

Teach us, O Wisest of Masters, how to solve civic problems with truly spiritual wisdom. Protect us against the social and economic worries of the hour, but, above all, guard us against excesses which might result from our own decisions and deeds. Help us to see in each crisis wherein truth and virtue lie. Be Thou our constant guardian and guide. May Thy commandments, our basic law, point the way that we ourselves should freely choose to walk. As God was with our fathers, may He be with us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY read a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the election of John B. Hynes as Mayor.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor-elect John B. Hynes by the Honorable Stanley E. Qua, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY read a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the election of members of the City Council as follows:

James S. Coffey, Ward 1.
Michael Leo Kinsella, Ward 2.
George T. Lanigan, Ward 3.
Perlie Dyar Chase, Ward 4.
John E. Yerxa, Ward 5.
John B. Wenzler, Ward 6.
Thomas E. Linehan, Ward 7.
William F. Hurley, Ward 8.
Francis Patriek Tracey, Ward 10.
Philip A. Tracy, Ward 11.
Milton Cook, Ward 12.
Thomas J. Hannon, Ward 13.
Julius Ansel, Ward 14.
Robert J. Ramsey, Ward 15.
John J. Beades, Ward 16.
Anthony J. Farin, Ward 17.
Michael Herbert Cantwell, Ward 18.
Thomas L. McCormack, Ward 19.
Walter D. Bryan, Ward 20.
Edmund V. Lane, Ward 21.
Vincent J. Shanley, Ward 22.

A roll of the members-elect of the City Council was called by Assistant City Clerk MALLOY, and as the names were read the members rose, all being present except James S. Coffey, Councilor from Ward 1. The oath of office was administered to them by Mayor Hynes.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY read a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the election of two members of the School Committee as follows:

Michael J. Ward, 51 Wallingford road.
Kathleen T. Ryan Dacey, 158 Calumet street.

A roll of the members-elect of the School Committee was called by Assistant City Clerk MALLOY, and as the names were read the members rose, all being present. The oath of office was administered to them by Mayor Hynes.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY.—I now most respectfully present Dr. Israel J. Kazis, Rabbi of Temple Mishkan Tefila, who will give prayer.

Rabbi KAZIS — Heavenly Father, bestow Thy blessings, we pray, upon the man whose fellow citizens have honored him by electing him to the highest office in our city. Sustain him with strength to fulfill the arduous tasks and to meet the rigorous demands which his duties will require of him. Inspire him with vision and understanding in the conduct of the affairs of state so that his deliberations may be carried on with wisdom and his decisions made with good judgment.

Strengthen within his soul the zeal and the determination to pursue justice and righteousness with high courage and unfailing vigor. Bless him as Thou did Solomon of old with a wise and understanding heart which shall ever be sensitive to the needs and the well-being of his fellow men. Keep strengthening his faith in Thee, and illumine his mind to observe clearly Thy eternal truths by whose light he may walk humbly and with comfort in the years that lie ahead.

Grant that blessing, O Lord, to all those who assume the responsibilities of office in this administration. Strengthen them and their resolve to uphold the hands of the Mayor, and crown with success their common effort to secure justice and righteous government.

We pray that our great city with deep roots in old and honorable traditions shall go forward from strength to strength in the service of the ideals of democracy which are so dear to the inhabitants of our land.

As we enter upon the second half of this century, may we all be inspired so to live and so to act that our country under Thy providence shall ever be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting men in peace and freedom to help to fulfill the vision of Thy prophet Isaiah: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Amen.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—I now have the pleasure to present the Kobzars Ukrainian Male Chorus, who will sing "The Highlanders Song" and "The Village Blacksmith."

(The Kobzars Ukrainian Male Chorus then sang "The Highlanders Song" and "The Village Blacksmith.")

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—The inaugural address will now be delivered by the Honorable John B. Hynes, Mayor of Boston.

Inaugural Address of Honorable John B. Hynes.

In assuming my duties as Mayor of the City of Boston, I do so with mixed feeling and mingled emotions. I have a deep realization of the grave responsibilities and obligations that will confront me in the two years immediately ahead. They would have a sobering effect upon any man. But I am also warmed and heartened by the knowledge that great opportunities have been opened to me by the people of Boston—opportunities for real public service to our city and its citizens.

As I stand here, on my inaugural day, the first day of my term as Mayor of Boston, it is with a

sense of abiding gratitude to the thousands of men and women who have placed their confidence in me, and who ask only that I do the best possible job of running this city. Their trust I will try—with all my heart—to keep.

As I begin my term as your Mayor, I welcome—indeed, I seek and request—the help and the cooperation of every citizen of Boston. This city does not belong to any one man, to any one group, to any select few. It belongs to all the people, and I intend to be the Mayor of all the people. (Applause.)

I wish it were possible to make a bright and glowing forecast of things to come in our municipal government, to tell you that you can look for a lower tax rate, and that we can at the same time undertake great public improvements to make this a bigger and better city.

But, unfortunately, that is not possible. Accordingly, it is not my intention on this or any other day to serve up to our people any soothing syrup or any sugar-coated pills, nor do I believe the people of Boston want any. They want the truth and the facts. That is what I propose to give.

In my campaign for election as Mayor, I pledged myself to restore the good name of this city. That pledge I solemnly repeat to you today. (Applause.)

It will be my purpose, starting tomorrow, on the first business day of my administration, to introduce every reasonable and possible economy in the conduct of the business and the services of this city. Unnecessary expenses must be eliminated, for our city is, and for the past two years has been, living beyond its means. (Applause.)

I say in all sincerity and honesty, and with full realization of the significance of my statement, that a continuation of some of the policies and procedures our city has been following could lead only to financial ruin—to a collapse of our city government that would jeopardize the welfare and well-being not only of the people of Boston but of the residents in that entire section of Massachusetts and New England that looks to Boston as its capital city.

For that reason, in almost everything I do as Mayor, in virtually every decision I make, the underlying consideration must be our city's financial condition.

Boston's Financial Condition.

Proposals for improvements—and some must be undertaken for public convenience, to prevent the loss of business or to attract new business—will have to be weighed in the light of the city's ability to pay.

In recent years the cost of running our city government has gone steadily upward, and the tax rate has climbed correspondingly. That is understandable because just as it costs much more to run a home than it did five or ten years ago, so it costs more to run a great city.

Even though we have been in a period of post-war prosperity, our municipal government has not been on a pay-as-you-go basis. The extent to which it has plunged into debt during the past two years has alarmed persons concerned for the future of our city.

It is not my purpose to direct attacks upon anyone, but simply to present the facts to you. In the year just ended our city borrowed $27,100,000. It paid off in old debts $9,144,500. In 1948, it borrowed $12,800,000 and during that year retired $10,177,400 in old debts. That means that in the last two years Boston's debt has gone up $20,578,100.

It hardly need be stated that a continuation of that trend would be disastrous and that it must be halted. Any family head knows he cannot go on indefinitely spending more money than he earns, piling up bills that grow larger and larger, without facing an ultimate day of reckoning.

Those heavy loans floated by the city in 1948 and 1949 must be paid off by the people of Boston, and part of them must be paid this year. Not only must we pay back the original amounts borrowed, but the interest on them will reach a very substantial figure.

Now let me explain why our city is threatened with a staggering increase in its tax rate.

Salary raises were granted last July to city, county, and school employees. They were in effect for only six months during 1949, but they must be figured on a 12-month basis for 1950. That will involve an additional expense of $3,228,200 this year.

Boston's tax rate last year was $56.80. Even that was not a realistic rate. Payments which should have been made from the 1949 tax levy were postponed until later years. Bills were left for someone else to pay.

Our welfare expense must be considered as a current item. It may vary somewhat from year to year, depending upon economic conditions, but we know we are obliged to take care of our poor, our needy, and our underprivileged. We know, too, that welfare relief is an expense that must be met annually.

Last year, however, a welfare loan of $2,350,000 was floated rather than raise that money in the tax levy. That bill was left for future administrations to pay.

In addition, I am informed that welfare requirements for 1950 will be about $750,000 greater than in 1949. This means that unless the policy of borrowing for welfare relief is continued, I must raise approximately $3,100,000 more by taxes for welfare purposes than was raised last year.

The administration in authority last year floated a $10,150,000 loan to meet the city's share of the MTA deficit for 1948 and the first seven months of 1949. I agree that it was proper to fund that amount in view of the fact that Governor Dever was doing everything within his power to place the MTA on a self-supporting basis.

But the 10-year loan was so written that no portion whatever of that deficit was paid last year. The first payment of $1,015,000 must be made this year. The reasonable thing to have done would have been to pay off a portion of the deficit last year. However, that would have meant a higher tax rate in 1949 so the first payment was delayed until 1950.

Boston's share of the MTA deficit for the last five months of 1949 will be about $1,000,000. Thus, we are confronted with the necessity of paying $2,015,000 for MTA purposes this year. Since nothing was paid off by the city last year on the MTA deficit under the policy followed of not meeting any bill that could be put off until some other time, that will be one of the factors responsible for a higher tax rate.

It may come as a shock to you to learn that I must allow in this year's city budget about $10,640,500 to meet payments that will fall due on old loans. In other words, $7 on our tax rate must go to pay off bills for other years.

This is approximately $1,500,000 more than was set aside last year for debt requirements and is a commitment which must be met to preserve the credit of our city.

It will be necessary to provide in our 1950 budget about $750,000 to cover the expense for higher pensions which were voted after the 1949 budget was adopted and after the tax rate had been fixed.

I will be obliged to allow an overlay deficit of more than $8,000,000 in the tax levy to cover abatements granted by the last administration. This is in addition to the regular overlay appropriation made each year in anticipation of tax abatements.

In terms of our 1950 tax rate, this means I will be called upon to provide at least $5,000,000 more from the tax levy for so-called overlay deficits than did the outgoing administration last year.

This is one of the heavy, overhanging burdens I must assume as the incoming Mayor, and an obligation, which, standing alone, would necessitate a substantial rise in the tax rate.

I am further informed by our fiscal experts that the city last year was allowed $2,388,202 in income by the State Tax Commissioner on which we cannot depend for this coming year.

As a result of these financial obligations, over which I have no control and to which the city already has been committed, it will be necessary to raise approximately an additional $17,000,000 this year. If this amount were to be included in the tax levy, it would mean a $12 increase in our tax rate. These are the commitments that preclude and make impossible any decrease in the tax rate. They are obligations not incurred by me, but which must be met by my administration. They are the factors which make an increase in the tax rate inevitable.

Boston's Tax Rate.

There was a time when only a small proportion of the residents of our city were concerned about the size of Boston's tax rate. They were the owners of business and residential properties. Many tenants and rent payers, who did not own their

own bomes, somehow became convinced that the tax rate meant little or nothing to them.

Tbey bave discovered tbat the tax rate affects them directly, that when it goes up it hits their pocketbooks and their family budgets in the form of rent increases.

In the Boston rent control office on the ground floor of the old Houghton & Dutton Building there is daily a continual line of landlords, filing petitions for the right to increase the rents of their tenants, and on every petition, without exception, the first reason listed—and sometimes the only reason given—is that their taxes have gone up and that they must charge them back against their tenants.

I realize full well that Boston cannot witbstand a $12 tax rate increase. It would work a hardship upon already hard-pressed home owners and rent payers. It would cost us business and industry. I recognize that the people who elected me to serve as their Mayor—and, indeed, those who voted for some otber candidate—expect—and have a right to expect—that a $68 or $70 tax rate will be avoided. And I will avoid it. That I promise. (Applause.)

I realize, too, that it would be a serious mistake to continue tbe policy of the past two years of plunging the city more deeply into debt. Because of the situation confronting me, it may be necessary to borrow money for some purposes. But it will be my policy to borrow less than is paid off in old debts and to lower gradually the city's outstanding debt.

Tbere is no easy cure for Boston's financial troubles. Indeed, many of its problems are shared by every big municipality in the country. I promise no overnight miracles. I offer no panaceas. But we can and will bave a prudent, careful management of Boston's municipal affairs. We can and will have the city's business conducted in an efficient manner.

We must, of course, provide for our sick, our needy, our poor, our elderly men and women wbo in tbe twilight of their lives are unable to support themselves. Tbat is a responsibility wbich I am sure no citizen of tbis city would want to avoid or would want me to avoid. I intend to care adequately for the men, women and children who are legitimately in need of help from their city. It will also be my purpose to maintain and improve the standards of care and service at such institutions as our City Hospital, the Boston Sanatorium, and Long Island Hospital.

Services necessary for the well-being of the people of Boston and for the protection of their safety, their healtb, and their property must be maintained. Our public schools must be so run as to provide the best possible education for our children and future citizens.

I am convinced, bowever, that a higher degree of efficiency can be achieved in the operation of municipal departments and that economies can be realized by more businesslike bandling of city contracts.

The contractors doing business with the city can anticipate a somewhat different relationship witb my administration than they have enjoyed at times in the past. (Applause.)

Contracts will be awarded on the basis of competitive bids and to the firm or company willing to give the city the greatest value for its money.

Any hint of collusion in the bidding for city contracts will not be tolerated. (Applause.) I will take any steps necessary to put an end to certain of the contract monopolies that have existed. (Applause.) For the next two years this city will be run for the benefit of the people of Boston. (Applause.)

Many of the important contracts for this year have been awarded by the outgoing administration. However, they will be legal and binding upon the city only if their provisions and terms are met. Companies wbich furnish the people with anything less than the services for wbich they are paid can expect to find tbemselves in difficulty in a very short time. (Applause.)

I intend to take full advantage of the survey reports of the Boston Finance Commission, and adopt and put into effect those recommendations which I consider would make possible a more efficient administration of the city's affairs. (Applause.)

It is my conviction that these recommendations should be reviewed and analyzed to determine wbicb of them could be adopted with practical advantage to the city.

One of my first steps, tberefore, will be the selection of three department heads who will comprise the Mayor's executive committee on administration.

After completing their study, they will report to me as to the improvements and cbanges that could and should be made in administrative practices and procedures.

To bring about a higber degree of working efficiency in the internal operations of our city government, I also plan the establishment of three divisions within tbe Budget Department.

One division would concern itself with personnel records and changes and the training and promotion of employees.

A second division would constantly review departmental expenditures. For tbat work, the division would be staffed with examiners who would bave definite departmental assignments.

A third division would be concerned with the general operation of municipal departments and would be prepared to provide advice on unusual problems, working conditions, and procedures.

In my opinion, the Budget Department, so organized, can be an effective force for the improvement of our city government.

In the light of the financial picture which I have described, Boston is engaged in wbat amounts to a fight for survival as a great city. It is imperative, therefore, that inefficient and outmoded practices and procedures be replaced witb modern, businesslike methods, and that overlapping functions be eliminated.

That subject will be discussed in greater detail as my administration progresses.

No wbolesale dismissals and no salary slasbes are planned. City employees as a group are not overpaid, in my judgment. (Applause.) Those employees who do an honest day's work will have notbing to fear from my administration. (Applause.)

I propose to place real emphasis on public service. I intend to provide the people of our city witb tbe best service possible in return for the taxes they pay. In this endeavor I ask the cooperation and help of every man and woman in tbe city employ.

A number of our city departments will be conducted in a much different manner than in the past. There will be an abrupt end, starting tomorrow, to the indifference to the public that has existed in certain of our municipal agencies. (Applause.)

Persons who have legitimate business to transact with the city will be able to transact it within their own rights and without bestowing favors upon anyone. (Applause.) Any employees who do not see eye to eye witb me on that matter will find their future witb the city government very uncertain. (Applause.)

Tbe cost of operating our municipal government, witb all its essential functions and services, is great enough without burdening our citizens with any unnecessary or unjustified expense. Many of our taxpayers are sorely pressed from a number of directions. Tbey are entitled to full value on every dollar they pay to the city. They have a right to expect full protection against raids on tbe city treasury. It is my intention to see they get it. (Applause.)

At this point may I stress most emphatically tbat corruption in any form will not be countenanced while I am Mayor. (Applause.) At the first indication or evidence of it, swift and decisive action will be taken.

I will be equally intolerant of any willful waste or careless extravagance. Whether tbe cost of our city government is unnecessarily increased by corruption or waste or incompetence or favoritism means little to the taxpayer. Tbe result is the same to him.

I propose to be constantly vigilant against needless expenses even though such vigilance may mean tbe loss of political popularity in some quarters.

At this point may I state that the very acuteness of the city's financial predicament will force me to adopt a policy which will necessitate disapproval of any proposal, whether initiated in the Legislature or elsewhere, which would unduly increase the operating expenses of our city government.

Boston's Future.

I consider an important feature of my job will be to try to sell Boston, and I ask that every listener

aid me by being salesmen and good-will ambassadors, by boosting our city whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Let us be the same kind of supersalesmen for Boston as are the visitors who come here from California, from Texas, and from Florida. We have as much, if not more, to sell than they have. Let us try selling it.

It is my hope that we may be able to increase the number of conventions which come here, bringing with them thousands of visitors who patronize our stores, our theaters, our restaurants, our taxicabs, and who help in many ways to provide employment for our people.

I intend to advertise our many attractions. For the tourists and visitors we have numerous historic shrines and many points of interest. For business and industry we have perhaps the country's greatest reservoir of skilled labor.

At this point, I wish to announce that I shall appoint an industrial counselor who will be attached to the Mayor's office. His duties will be to promote a better understanding between business and the city government, and to make every endeavor to bring new industry and business to Boston.

I also shall appoint a labor counselor who will serve as the Mayor's adviser on labor questions within the municipal government, and on any other labor matters in the city, into which the Mayor may be drawn.

Because we are an old and historic city, we have one problem that is more critical than in many of the newer municipalities. That is:

Traffic.

Every city in this country has been obliged to spend many millions of dollars to meet the requirements of the steadily increasing number of automobiles on its streets.

It must be apparent to everyone familiar with conditions in our city that Boston is in danger of being strangled by its own traffic unless it moves swiftly to meet its threat.

I will undertake any street widenings which will speed up the flow of automobile travel provided the cost involved is not prohibitive. I intend to confer with city engineers and city planners as to the feasibility of widening Tremont street in downtown Boston by narrowing the sidewalk along the Common and of making other improvements of this nature.

Many of our most heavily-traveled streets cannot be widened, however. The only action that can be taken to make possible a free flow of traffic over them is to remove the parked automobiles which now hinder and impede travel.

Our traffic and parking problems go hand in hand. Many automobiles are left on streets, frequently in violation of regulations, because there are no other convenient places to leave them.

The construction of an underground garage beneath Boston Common would be an important step toward the solution of our parking problem. I intend to use every resource to hasten the building of this project with private capital, as provided under the law authorizing its erection.

The city's own off-street parking program will be pressed with greater speed. A bill has been filed in the Legislature, asking authority to undertake an additional $5,000,000 program to meet this acute problem.

This will be an investment, which if properly handled, should be completely self-supporting.

Housing.

There is an acknowledged need for carrying forward our housing program with greater speed and dispatch. That will be done in my administration.

I propose to approach our housing program with two objectives in mind: the first, to provide critically needed homes; the second, to improve sections of our city which need a face lifting.

At the same time nothing will be done to discourage private construction of dwellings. I will do everything within my power to encourage it. There are potential housing sites in some sections of our city which, I believe, should be left for private development. It would be unwise and unsound for us to close the door to those who want to build their own homes in Boston.

As a general policy, it seems to me that housing built either with State, City, or Federal funds, and subsidized in one way or another, should be for families in the comparative low-income brackets who are financially unable to afford adequate homes.

It certainly is not a sound theory of government to have persons in very moderate circumstances contributing, even indirectly, to provide subsidized housing for families in higher income brackets. We must achieve some sort of intelligent and sensible balance in our approach to this problem.

It is my purpose to eliminate some of the extraneous circumstances which have slowed down progress in the construction of new homes.

As in all other fields of municipal activity, I will strive to obtain the best value for each dollar expended. All reputable construction companies will be invited to bid for our housing work. All bidders will have the same opportunity and will be treated alike.

There are three ways in which Boston can finance its housing programs. It can utilize State credit. It can use its own credit up to $28,000,000, and it can take advantage of a law enacted last year by Congress, providing Federal funds with which cities may launch redevelopment, slum-clearance programs and may construct low-rent projects.

Boston was originally allocated $48,000,000 under the $200,000,000 State housing program. Up to the present time the Boston Housing Authority has encumbered about $30,500,000 of that amount, leaving approximately $17,500,000 still available.

I have conferred with State housing officials and have learned that if Boston presses its housing activity effectively and intelligently it may seek additional State help with reasonable assurance it will be granted.

April 6 is the deadline for submitting applications for further State housing funds. That gives us just about three months in which to prepare plans for submission to the State Housing Board. Thus, it is of vital consequence that this feature of our housing program be accelerated.

The State program offers us an opportunity to build homes for the families of veterans. By taking full advantage of the resources available, I believe we can ease the housing shortage in the comparatively near future.

The Federal program should provide means to rehabilitate some sections of Boston. I find, however, that Federal funds will not be available until a master plan has been submitted showing all public improvements and changes of any nature that may be undertaken throughout the entire city.

I had intended to have such a master plan prepared as a matter of thoughtful and intelligent city planning. This was prompted by the realization that in drafting programs for housing and other municipal improvements we should also consider any State plans for those areas. For example, it would not be good government to plan a housing development for a location only to learn that the State had intended to take the same land as an approach to a bridge or for a high-speed, overhead highway.

I shall issue instructions for the immediate drafting of a master plan for Boston, showing the improvements and changes of all kinds that are contemplated by any public agency. I will ask His Excellency the Governor for the cooperation of all agencies under him, and I am confident we can have such a plan ready to submit to Federal authorities within a short period of time.

Property Assessments.

Our assessment picture, especially as it concerns downtown commercial property, has been a scrambled and confusing one. A stabilization of tax assessment values is vital, in my judgment, for the future prosperity and well-being of our business community.

Adjustments of inequities always will be necessary, of course, and property owners cannot be denied their right of appeal to the City's Board of Assessors and to the State Tax Appellate Board.

But there must be, and there will be, an end to the practice of juggling assessment figures for the purpose of creating a false valuation and a fictitious tax rate. (Applause.)

It is a definite disservice to our city to raise the value on a piece of property before the tax rate is fixed, lower it again after the rate is established, refund an abatement with interest for the overcharge, and then place the valuation back at its high level for tax rate purposes the following year.

Any city which uses such methods to hold down a tax rate is building its tax base on financial quicksands. I announce now, without equivocation, that a halt will be made to the circle of assessment increases and abatements and that the valuations fixed by the incoming Board of Assessors will be honest appraisals. (Applause.)

A Metropolitan Boston.

Some of my informal remarks concerning the need for a Metropolitan Boston have been misconstrued by officials in other cities and towns who are zealous to preserve the identities and the traditions of their communities.

I have not suggested, and do not now suggest, that any city or town give up either its identity or its traditions. But, as I see it, there is a real need for some changes which would be to the mutual advantage of Boston and its neighboring cities and towns.

Boston, with a population of under 800,000 persons, provides services for a working day population of about 1,500,000 people. It is the core—the very heart—of the entire Metroplitan Boston area. It pumps the economic blood into the life stream of Metropolitan Boston, and it must continue to exist for the good of the entire metropolitan area.

Manifestly, it would be to the advantage of the entire Metropolitan Boston section if it could be organized into a form of metropolitan government which would preserve the entity and traditions of each city and town including Boston, and at the same time make possible the amalgamation of services which are metropolitan in nature.

A metropolitan city, with Boston as its nucleus, would have a much stronger competitive position in the field of business and industry than it now enjoys. This is a subject that merits deep consideration and careful study. Even the branches in the sturdiest of oaks will wither and die if the trunk of the tree is not strong and healthy.

I am not proposing that Boston swallow up any other city and town. Rather do I urge a sober study of possible steps that would assure greater and more enduring prosperity for the entire Metropolitan Boston area. (Applause.)

City Council.

Now may I address myself briefly to the 22 members of the City Council, who comprise Boston's Municipal Board of Directors.

I need not outline to most of your membership the problems of our city or the responsibilities we face. Twenty of you gentlemen have served in our municipal government for periods ranging from 2 to 12 years.

Nor do I need tell you that in the two-year term for which we have been elected the people of Boston expect us to work together in harmony for the good of the city. I am depending upon your help and your understanding cooperation in the months ahead.

Working together for the common good of our city and its people, we can go forward toward our goal for a better Boston and earn the approbation of our fellow citizens. (Applause.)

Conclusion.

A short time ago, you heard me receive my oath of office and pledge myself to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. That oath has a very deep meaning for me, as I am sure it has for you.

I hope and believe that it is unnecessary for me to say anything about subversive activity in our city government. I am sure there has been none and will be none.

But to those citizens so deeply concerned over the present-day threat of Communism, let me emphasize that safeguards already erected against any form of subversive activity will be carefully maintained and will be extended if the slightest necessity for such action should develop.

We shall have in our city government an administration by patriotic men and women who believe in the American way of life and in the principles embodied in our State and National Constitutions which I have this morning sworn to uphold.

There is another matter which might well be touched upon briefly. Boston has been conspicuously free from racial and religious strife. Our people live, work, and mingle in complete harmony as true Americans. There is no room in our city, in our municipal government or in our conduct of Boston's official business for racial or religious bigotry or intolerance, and there will be none while I am Mayor. (Applause.)

We have now entered the second half of the 20th century. By the standards of this country, Boston is an old city. Though its problems are many, they are possible of solution. In all the years of our city's existence those who have preceded us have faced and have met the challenge of their times.

The problems of our day are challenging, too, but they can and will be overcome if those who have real pride and love for our city work together for the common purpose of achieving a better Boston.

We do not grope in the dark. We understand our city's problems. We realize their gravity. We can master them; we must not let them master us. The term for which I have been elected is two years. It is a short period in which to accomplish what must be done. With your patient understanding, I feel certain real progress can be made before my brief term comes to an end.

Boston has an historic and glorious past. As I stand here on my first day as Mayor of this city, I sincerely believe that Boston's future can and will be equally as glorious. I am certain that the spirit which made our city a great city still burns as strong as ever it did.

May I conclude this inaugural with these timeless words, found in the 110th Psalm, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom."

Let us then, in the days ahead, go forward humbly and fearfully; seeking His wisdom; imploring His guidance; beseeching His blessings on our city, on ourselves, and on our children.

With that appeal to Divine Providence, I assume my duties as Mayor of the City of Boston. (Prolonged applause.)

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—It is my pleasure to present Bob Hardy and his orchestra, who will render a medley from "Show Boat."

(The orchestra here played a medley from "Show Boat.")

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—I now most respectfully present the Reverend Robert G. Metters, Rector of Emmanuel Church of Boston, who will deliver the benediction.

Rev. Mr. METTERS—O God of all power and might, the Maker and Ruler of men, we commend our city to the guidance of Thy wisdom and into the keeping of Thy love. May he Thy servant, whom Thy people chose to serve them, serve Thee in honesty, firm purpose, and uprightness of life. May he never forget his answerableness to Thee and the people whom he serves. Deliver him from the love of power and motives of personal gain, from consideration of men or money or partisanship in place of the demands of truth and justice. Bless him in his task with an ever larger vision of truth and deeper sense of the demands of righteousness, that through his faithfulness the life of our city and its people may be guided by wise policies and lifted to higher ideals and nobler achievements, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve, and keep you and increase the love of one toward another and toward all men, to the end that He may establish your hearts in holiness before Him. Amen.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY—These exercises will now close with the playing of the recessional march.

The recessional march was played as the Mayor and his suite left the stage at 11.25 A.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Tuesday, January 3, 1950.

First meeting of the City Council of 1950 held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Coun. WENZLER, Senior Member, in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey, the Council voted at 2.15 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman WENZLER at 2.31 P.M.

Chairman WENZLER announced that the Board of Election Commissioners not having certified the election of a councilor from Ward 9 for the municipal years 1950 and 1951, Daniel F. Sullivan, the councilor from Ward 9 for the years 1948 and 1949, will continue to serve as a member of this council under section 48 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 479 of the Acts of 1924, until such certificate of election is made.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the City Auditor. In accordance with the recommendation contained therein I submit herewith an order authorizing the issuance during 1950 of temporary notes in anticipation of revenue to an amount not exceeding $60,000,000. I respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Auditing Department, January 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

It is customary to submit to the City Council at its first meeting in the New Year an order authorizing the issuance as needed during the year of temporary loans in anticipation of revenue receipts. In the light of the experience of last year it would seem desirable that an authorization of $60,000,000 should be secured for 1950. I respectfully recommend that an order in this amount be submitted to the City Council for consideration and adoption.

Respectfully,
CHARLES J. FOX, City Auditor.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1950, the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding $60,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine. The said City Treasurer is hereby further authorized to renew or refund any such notes issued for a shorter period than one year, under the provisions of section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 22, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—22.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned to the next meeting for final action.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Ramsey presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear February 6, 1950:

William E. Catania, Ward 1; Joseph S. DeAngelis, Ward 1; Alfred Matarazzo, Ward 1; Timothy D. Cotter, Ward 3; Wilfred R. Fournier, Ward 3; Nunzio Giove, Ward 5; Walter W. Hill, Ward 5; Thomas G. Condry, Ward 9; Walter C. Fisher, Ward 12; Ronald C. Anderson, Ward 13; Daniel A. I. Foye, Ward 13; William B. Jones, Ward 13; John W. Lenz, Ward 13; William J. Wadel, Ward 16; Lawrence F. Hollins, Ward 17; William H. Clark, Ward 18; Henry J. Dmohowski, Ward 18; Thomas F. Finn, Ward 18; Albert E. Goetz, Ward 18; Joseph Lanata, Ward 18; Peter Manzoni, Ward 18; George S. L. Smith, Ward 18; Earl F. Wood, Ward 18; Arthur E. Hastedt, Ward 19; James T. McCorry, Ward 19; John Rokis, Ward 19; Edward J. Gaibl, Jr., Ward 20; Charles G. Leon, Ward 20; Patrick J. McDonnell, Ward 20; John J. Fitzpatrick, Ward 21; William C. Lennox, Ward 21; William E. A. Mahoney, Ward 21; George Murphy, Ward 21; Garrett D. Roach, Jr., Ward 21; Patrick J. Flaherty, Ward 22; Joseph Trusas, Ward 22.

One hundred forty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear February 6, 1950:

John J. DeStefano, Ward 1; Fred DiFiore, Ward 1; John DiOrio, Ward 1; Joseph Fabiano, Ward 1; Vernon MacLeod, Ward 1; John W. O'Hanley, Ward 1; Santo A. Pagliaro, Ward 1; Guy Velardo, Ward 1; Walter L. Batchelder, Ward 2; John F. Lambert, Jr., Ward 2; William J. Reilly, Ward 2; Michael Bono, Ward 3; Joseph Christopher, Ward 3; John V. DeSimone, Ward 3; Joseph J. George, Ward 3; Antonio Lorino, Ward 3; Frank H. Meserve, Ward 3; Francis J. Ponders, Ward 3; Herman Rosenberg, Ward 3; Earl H. Field, Ward 4; Peter Grenier, Ward 4; Charles Theofilos, Ward 4; Craig H. Yorke, Ward 4; Thomas H. Kelly, Ward 5; David M. Pearlmutter, Ward 5; Jack Ross, Ward 5; William G. Schindler, Ward 5; Vincent P. Wilbur, Ward 5; James M. Duffley, Ward 6; James F. Hartin, Ward 6; Walter H. Ingersoll, Ward 6; Vincent Kibur, Ward 6; John J. Ryan, Ward 6; George J. Wolusky, Ward 6; Robert J. Fanning, Ward 7; John J. Flynn, Ward 7; Frank T. Getek, Ward 7; Edward L. Keenan, Ward 7; Andrew G. McGrath, Ward 7; Sterling J. Richards, Ward 7; Albert Charles Tessier, Ward 7; William J. Barry, Ward 8; Walter J. Foley, Ward 8; John B. Keays, Ward 8; Michael F. Murray, Ward 8; Dennis E. Sullivan, Ward 8; Gabriel W. Alexander, Ward 9; Harold E. Fusoni, Ward 9; Carl E. Hogquist, Ward 9; Kenneth Morris, Ward 9; James A. Pyburn, Ward 9; Joseph J. Croutz, Ward 10; John J. Galvin, Ward 10; George W. Nicholson, Ward 10; Freemont Wyman, Ward 10; Thomas C. Dolan, Ward 11; Patrick J. Dowd, Ward 11; Frederick T. Ellis, Ward 11; John T. Green, Ward 11; Theodore Kasoff, Ward 11; Justin J. McCarthy, Ward 11; Stanley C. Strom, Ward 11.

Charles D. Anderson, Ward 12; John Coleman, Ward 12; Jacob Lighton, Ward 12; George Raskin, Ward 12; Howard B. Weeman, Ward 12; Gerard C. Coletta, Ward 13; Robert J. Corcoran, Ward 13; Alfred D. Manton, Ward 13; John R. McPortland, Ward 13; Walter S. Schow, Ward 13; Philip D. Welch; Ward 13; Max Berman, Ward 14; Jacob Brown, Ward 14; Meyer Greenberg, Ward 14; Edward Kesselman, Ward 14; Charles Liberman, Ward 14; Harold W. Sherman, Ward 14; Elias J. Silkman, Ward 14; Joseph O. Stillman, Ward 14; Irving Z. Weinberg, Ward 14; Harry Zaler, Ward 14; George A. Cosgrove, Ward 15; James Culkeen, Ward 15; Joseph Howell, Ward 15; Joseph A. LeBlanc, Ward 15; Michael H. Morris, Ward 15; Cecil Varner, Ward 15; Joseph Andrukaitis, Ward 16; Frank Bushami, Ward 16; Charles J. Cannon, Ward 16; Charles H. DeLoid, Ward 16; Chester A. Finn, Ward 16; William P. O'Connell, Ward 16; Arthur A. Sawyer, Ward 16; Daniel E. Welch, Ward 16; Arthur F. Banks, Ward 17; Benjamin

Barnet, Ward 17; Herbert W. Campbell, Ward 17; Thomas F. Daley, Ward 17; John T. Dolan, Ward 17; John J. Fredericks, Ward 17; Henry L. P. Graham, Ward 17; John A. Stevens, Ward 17; Moses Vigovano, Ward 17; Charles Weisberg, Ward 17; Joseph Zardeckas, Ward 17.

James H. Cotter, Ward 18; Nathan Hearst, Ward 18; William L. Hoar, Ward 18; Isaac W. Huelin, Ward 18; George H. Killeen, Ward 18; John Luciani, Ward 18; Thomas Mahon, Ward 18; George J. Mills, Ward 18; Frank Allen Sirk, Ward 18; Joseph A. Spadoni, Ward 18; Harold A. Willard, Ward 18; Joseph G. DiNapoli, Ward 19; James J. Duby, Ward 19; John A. McDonnell, Ward 19; Charles J. Reilly, Ward 19; Samuel N. C. Ritchie, Ward 19; John Edward Blake, Ward 20; Thomas P. Egan, Ward 20; Arthur V. Hannon, Ward 20; Ray A. Harmon, Ward 20; William A. MacDonald, Ward 20; Edmund S. Olson, Ward 20; Gerald W. O'Neil, Ward 20; Lawrence N. Pratt, Ward 20; Arthur Ritchie, Ward 20; Karl H. Schmatzler, Jr., Ward 20; Harry Bloom, Ward 21; Justin E. Glass, Ward 21; Arthur Gordon, Ward 21; Samuel G. Henry, Ward 21; Isidore Jacobson, Ward 21; John W. Matthews, Ward 21; Robert L. Spooner, Ward 21; John L. Sullivan Ward 21; Michael J. Doherty, Ward 22; Edward T. Flaherty, Ward 22; Timothy B. Hannon, Jr., Ward 22; John F. Kenney, Ward 22; Walter F. Reardon, Ward 22; Frank H. Slamin, Ward 22.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

On motion of Councilor Coffey the Council voted to proceed with the election of a President for the municipal year 1950. The roll was called with the following result:

For William F. Hurley—Councilors Beades, Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey—9.

For Milton Cook—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cook, McCormack, P. A. Tracy, Yerxa—6.

For Michael H. Cantwell—Councilors Cantwell, Chase—2.

For Thomas J. Hannon—Councilors Lane, Lanigan—2.

For Walter D. Bryan—Councilor Farin—1.

For Vincent J. Shanley—Councilor Wenzler—1.

For Thomas E. Linehan—Councilor Hannon—1.

and there was no choice.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the Council voted to proceed with the election of a President for the municipal year 1950. The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

For William F. Hurley—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan F. P. Tracey—10.

For Milton Cook—Councilors Bryan, Cook, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, P. A. Tracy, Yerxa—8.

For Michael H. Cantwell—Councilors Cantwell, Chase—2.

For Thomas E. Linehan—Councilor Farin—1.

For Vincent J. Shanley—Councilor Wenzler—1.

and there was no choice.

REVOCATION OF GAS STATION PERMITS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take such legal steps as may be necessary to revoke gas station permits for 56 Beech street, 426 Belgrade avenue, and 1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20, which were granted at the eleventh hour of an outgoing administration against the wishes and protests of adjoining property owners and taxpayers, five of whom are members of the medical profession.

The order was passed.

DENIAL OF PERMITS FOR GAS STATIONS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to refuse to grant any permits for the construction of gasoline stations at 56 Beech street, 426 Belgrade avenue and 1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20.

The order was passed.

REFUSAL OF PERMITS FOR CERTAIN SIDEWALK OPENINGS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to refuse to grant any permits for sidewalk openings at 56 Beech street, and 426 Belgrade avenue, Ward 20.

The order was passed.

BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, the Council voted to proceed with the election of a President for the municipal year 1950. The roll was called with the following result:

For William F. Hurley—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—12.

For Milton Cook— Councilors Bryan, Cook, Hannon, Lane, McCormack—5.

For Walter D. Bryan—Councilors Cantwell, Chase—2.

For Thomas J. Hannon—Councilor Yerxa—1.

For Thomas L. McCormack—Councilors Farin, Lanigin—2.

and Councilor William F. Hurley was declared elected President for the municipal year 1950, amidst applause.

Chairman WENZLER appointed Councilors Cook and Hannon to escort President HURLEY to the rostrum and they performed the duty assigned.

President HURLEY in the chair.

REFERENCE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That all matters of unfinished business referred to this City Council by the preceding City Council be hereby referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

The order was passed.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That all the members of the Council compose a temporary Executive Committee, the chairman to be designated by the presiding officer; said chairman to serve until premanent committees are appointed.

The order was passed.

ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the rules of the City Council of 1949, except Rules 14, 25, and 35, be adopted as temporary rules of this Council until permanent rules are adopted.

The order was passed.

PREPARATION OF MUNICIPAL REGISTER, ETC.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Statistics Department be authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Rules, to prepare and have printed the municipal Register for the current year; and that the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and have printed a pocket edition of the Organization of the City Government; the expense of said register and organization to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents.

The order was passed.

RESCISSION OF LICENSES FOR DRIVE-IN THEATERS.

Coun. BEADES and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately rescind the licenses granted in the dying days of the past administration for the establishment of drive-in theaters at 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 16, and 1215 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20; and be it further

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to immediately assign one of his assistants to check into the circumstances revolving around the issuing of these licenses.

The order was passed.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS, PARK AND WASHINGTON STREETS, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals, with a push button for pedestrians, at the corner of Park and Washington streets, Ward 17.

The order was passed.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT OLD MORTON STREET AND PLEASANT HILL AVENUE, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the corner of Old Morton street and Pleasant Hill avenue, Ward 17.

The order was passed.

COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT COUNCIL RULES FOR 1950-51.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That a committee of five members be appointed by the President to prepare and report rules to govern the proceedings of the City Council of 1950-51.

The order was passed.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of appointments of Matthew J. Peters, 596 Freeport street, Dorchester, and Edmund J. Burke, 60 Addington street, West Roxbury, as permanent first assistant assessors at salary of $3,000 per year, to be effective January 1, 1950, made under provisions of chapter 332, Acts of 1939, the men being war veterans and appointed from the civil service eligible list.

Placed on file.

On motion of Council Coffey, the Council voted to adjourn at 3.34 P.M., to meet on Monday, January 9, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 9, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Hannon and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

LEGISLATION ENABLING CITY TO BORROW MONEY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Pending before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives are three petitions for legislation to enable the city to borrow money for certain purposes described in the resolutions accompanying this communication. Under Joint Rule 7-B the preliminary approval of the Mayor and City Council is required before the petitions can be released to the appropriate committees. As the legislation contemplated in them was at my suggestion, I respectfully request the adoption by your Honorable Body of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Resolved, That the petition of the Honorable John B. Hynes for legislation authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside of the debt limit for the purpose of providing further funds for the purchase or leasing of voting machines by said city be, and hereby is, approved.

Resolved, That the petition of Representative Edmond J. Donlan for legislation providing further for the establishment of off-street parking facilities in the City of Boston and authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside of the debt limit therefor be, and hereby is, approved.

Resolved, That the petition of Representative John F. Collins for legislation authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside of the debt limit for the purpose of the funding by said city of overlay deficits be, and hereby is, approved.

The resolutions were severally adopted.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Leo Paul Conlan, 123 Strandview road, Columbia Village, Dorchester, Mass., as Constable, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1950.

George F. Fitzgerald, 157 Oakley road, Belmont, Mass., as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1950.

James G. Reilly, 900 East First street, South Boston, Mass., as Weigher of Coal and Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1950.

John N. Gibbons, 23 Potomac street, West Roxbury, Mass., as Leather Measurer (State License No. 1835), for term ending April 30, 1950.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations when appointed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committee named, when appointed, viz:

Claims.

Bay State Leather Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

George F. Brassil, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Minot N. Bronstein, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mary Carr, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in playground in Brighton.

Fred W. Casey, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 9 Cornauba Street Extension, caused by water hydrant being snapped off.

Richard J. Cotter, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mildred A. Delahunt, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1129 Washington street.

Sarah G. Dempsey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Vernon street.

Thelma Desmond, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2974 Washington street, Roxbury.

Carl F. Engler, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Patrick C. Gilmore, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 35 Vinson street, caused by construction of street.

Winifred R. Hogle, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 813 South street.

Joseph L. Hughes, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

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Samuel J. Hunt, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Wallace S. Kozewicki, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Charles street.

A. Rita McDermott, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in River street.

Mary Morrissey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Hamilton and Bowdoin streets.

Helen Ostopowich, for compensation for injuries caused by police car.

Idah L. Salzman, to be paid salary for time worked at City Hospital as medical social worker.

Alfonsa Sessa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 4109 Washington street.

S. J. Weiner, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, January 13, 14, 20, 21, 28, and February 4.

Boston Music School, 41 Allen street, for children to appear at Peabody Playhouse, January 16.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

SURETY BONDS.

Surety bonds of the following were received:

Leo J. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; Joseph D. Coughlin, First Assistant Register of Deeds; John J. Mahoney, Second Assistant Register of Deeds; Matthew F. Hanley, Third Assistant Register of Deeds; Daniel Danick, Fourth Assistant Register of Deeds; Jacob M. Levenson, Technical Assistant Register of Deeds.

The bonds were severally approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices of appointments by the Mayor were received as follows:

James H. Alphen, 19 Moraine street, Jamaica Plain, Principal Assessor, for term ending March 31, 1954, vice Hugh T. Gartland, resigned.

William L. Baxter, 39 Mercier avenue, Dorchester, Corporation Counsel, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Joseph Scolponeti, resigned.

Victor C. Bynoe, 507 Shawmut avenue, Boston, member of Board of Street Commissioners, for term ending on first Monday in January, 1953, vice George J. Curley, term expired.

Herman Carp, 144 Glenway street, Dorchester, member of Real Estate Commission, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice Irving Lewis, resigned,

John J. Chapman, 11 Myles Standish road, West Roxbury, Principal Assessor, for term ending March 31, 1951, vice James Miraglia, resigned.

George P. Donovan, 179 M street, South Boston, Superintendent of Public Buildings, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice James E. Sullivan, resigned.

Daniel M. Driscoll, 419 Pond street, Jamaica Plain, Principal Assessor, for term ending March 31, 1950, vice Frank B. Howland, resigned.

Edward L. Friel, 283 Wood avenue, Hyde Park, Penal Institutions Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Maxwell F. Grossman, resigned.

Huntington W. Frothingham, 280 Beacon street, Principal Assessor, for term ending March 31, 1952, vice Peter J. Allen, resigned.

James E. Gildea, 491 Weld street, West Roxbury, City Collector, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Daniel F. Donovan, resigned.

George G. Hyland, 21 Ainsworth street, Roslindale, Commissioner of Public Works, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Robert P. Curley, resigned.

Michael T. Kelleher, 63 May street, Jamaica Plain, Fire Commissioner, effective January 3, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon, vice Russell S. Codman, Jr., resigned, for term ending April 30, 1954.

Frank R. Kelley, 414 Columbia road, Dorchester, member of Board of Park Commissioners, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice John J. Murphy, retired.

Charles H. Mackie, 38 Rawson road, Brighton, Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Michael J. Manning, resigned.

John R. McGillivray, 145 Welles avenue, Dorchester, Institutions Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice G. Frank McDonald, resigned.

John V. Moran, 515 East Broadway, South Boston, Superintendent of Supplies, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice William I. Rose, resigned.

William A. Reilly, 14 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Chairman of Boston Traffic Commission, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Leo F. Curley, resigned.

Gerald F. Scally, 54 Pleasant street, Dorchester, member of Board of Street Commissioners, for term ending first Monday in January, 1951, vice John T. O'Dea, Jr., resigned.

John J. Shields, 19 Crehore road, West Roxbury, Deputy Penal Institutions Commissioner, vice John F. Nevins, resigned.

Albert West, 65 Saratoga street, East Boston, member of Board of Recreation, for term ending January 6, 1954.

Thomas F. X. White, 29 Chesbrough road, West Roxbury, City Treasurer, to take effect Tuesday, January 3, at 12 o'clock noon, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Henry F. Brennan, resigned.

Severally placed on file.

DESIGNATIONS AS CHAIRMEN.

Notices were received of the designation by the Mayor of the following as chairmen:

Daniel M. Driscoll, Board of Assessors; Herman Carp, Real Estate Commissioner; Frank R. Kelley, Park Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

ELECTION OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUNDS.

Notice was received from Charles J. Fox, secretary of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, of election of Thomas F. White, City Treasurer, as treasurer of the Board, effective January 4, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority as follows:

Approval of expenditure of $1,694 to cover unloading, carting, placing, and connecting of 121 ranges at Arborway at Morton street (372) Veterans' Housing Development.

Approval of expenditure of $13,500 for purchasing and placing 3,600 cubic yards of loam at $3.75 per yard at Captain John's Hill (372) Veterans' Housing Development.

Approval of expenditure of $521.40 to cover extra work on brick wall along south property boundary of the Sumner, Willis and Bakersfield streets (372) Veterans' Housing Development.

Severally placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearings to be held:

Hearing on January 24 at 10 A.M. in Gardner Auditorium, State House, on petition of Board of Trustees of Metropolitan Transit Authority for approval of proposed changes in rates of fare and charges for service, to become effective January 28, 1950, as fixed by vote of said Board adopted December 28, 1949.

Hearing on January 27 at 10 A.M. in hearing room of department, 166 State House, on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for leave to erect, maintain, and use a pole on easterly side of Farragut road, between East Fifth and East Sixth streets, South Boston, and for permission to attach wires, etc.

Hearing on January 23 at 10 A.M. in hearing room of department, 166 State House, on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles between Haymarket square and Scollay square, over Sudbury street and Scollay square; return over Hanover street and Union street (to be operated only between the hours of 1 A.M. and 5 A.M.).

Severally placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE PORT OF BOSTON AUTHORITY.

Notice was received from the Port of Boston Authority of hearing to be held on January 19 at 10.30 A.M. on application of Department of Public Works, City of Boston, for license to remove portion of Meridian Street Bridge over Chelsea River, connecting Boston and Chelsea, in and over the tidewaters of Chelsea River.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of laying out of sections of roadways in Charlestown for widening.

Placed on file.

INCREASE OF ANNUITIES TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to increase by 20 per cent the annuities of beneficiaries of deceased employees of the city and county; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted.

NAMING OF ROBERT J. LOWNEY STREET.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the service street now in process of construction between Bunker Hill street and Adams street in Charlestown, when it is turned over to the care, maintenance, and upkeep of the City of Boston by the Mystic River Bridge Authority, the Robert J. Lowney street, in honor of Radioman 2-c Robert J. Lowney, United States Navy, who was lost at Okinawa in the sinking of the U.S.S. "Morrison" on May 4, 1945.

The order was passed.

STAMP COMMEMORATING 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled unanimously approves the suggestion of a stamp commemorative of the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill; and so, therefore, be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the appropriate officials in Washington, D. C., to the end that this request be approved and expedited in time for the 1950 observance of the Battle of Bunker Hill in June. 1950.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to place before the White Fund Trustees a request for the construction of a children's wading pool on Perkins street, Ward 2, Charlestown.

The order was passed.

CHILDREN'S WADING POOL, PERKINS STREET, WARD 2.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the Park Department budget for 1950 a sum sufficient to the construction of a children's wading pool on Perkins street in Ward 2, Charlestown.

The order was passed.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PARKER AND TREMONT STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corner of Parker and Tremont streets in Ward 10, and a pedestrian light at the corner of Station and Parker streets, Ward 10.

The order was passed.

CANCELLATION OF GAS CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTING.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel and the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take such steps as are necessary to change the lighting contract for gas lamps by cancellation or otherwise, so that immediate replacement of all gas lamps throughout the city by adequate electric lights will take place, and to advise the Council of their action.

The order was passed.

RESIGNATION OF JOHN B. HYNES AS CITY CLERK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I hereby resign as City Clerk of the City of Boston, effective this date. I deem this action advisable for two reasons.

One is that my time, as you can understand, will be completely occupied during the next two years with my duties as Mayor.

The second is that some complications and difficulties may arise during the next two years if there is no active City Clerk, since under our City Charter the authority and duties of the Clerk can be carried out only by the assistant city clerk if the Clerk is not available.

In view of those considerations and because I do not want to handicap the operation of an important branch of our city government, I have decided that the soundest course is for me to submit my resignation as City Clerk.

I sever my connection with your Honorable Body with deep regret. I shall always look back upon my service and associations with your membership, both present and past, with sincere gratification and pleasure.

Respectfully,
JOHN B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

ELECTION OF CITY CLERK.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council now proceed to the election of a City Clerk to serve for the balance of the term ending February 6, 1950, and for the three-year term ending the first Monday in February, 1953, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

The order was passed.

The assistant city clerk called the roll with the following result:

For Walter J. Malloy — Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler — 20.

Nays—0.

and Walter J. Malloy was elected City Clerk for the terms as above specified.

(During a brief recess the members of the Council extended their congratulations to City Clerk Malloy, and Mr. Malloy expressed his thanks to the Council for his appointment.)

MEETING TO INITIATE PROGRAM FOR BUSIER BOSTON.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor study the advisability of calling a meeting of industrial leaders, labor leaders, department store heads, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other substantial business leaders, to initiate a program for a busier Boston, in order that confidence may be retained in our industrial structure, that a purchasing and building spree may get under way, and that general employment may be available to the citizens of Boston.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF BASEBALL DIAMONDS IN NEW STADIUM AND REDUCTION OF ADMISSION FEES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the George Robert White Fund, through his Honor the Mayor, in cooperation with the School Committee, study the advisability of constructing several baseball diamonds in the new schoolboy stadium, and that the School Committee study the advisability of a reduction in the admission charges to 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. Otherwise, such stadium may become a financial liability upon the citizens of Boston.

The order was passed.

ONE WAY FOR WELLINGTON HILL STREET AND GOODALE ROAD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of making Wellington Hill street and Goodale road one-way streets.

The order was passed.

TEMPORARY LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

President HURLEY called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for temporary loan of $60,000,000 in anticipation of taxes.

On January 3, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—19.

Nays—0.

INCREASED WATTAGE ON ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to increase the wattage on existing electric lights and also on electric lights to be installed in the future.

The order was passed.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGN AT MINOT AND CARRUTH STREETS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the junction of Minot and Carruth streets, Ward 16, with a view to erecting "Stop Before Entering" sign at this intersection.

The order was passed.

WIDENING OF BEACON STREET, FROM CHARLES TO PARK STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen Beacon street, from Charles to Park streets, using the south side as there is an adequate sidewalk within the Common itself.

The order was passed.

REQUESTED REMOVAL OF JOHN J. COLEMAN.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take the necessary steps for the removal of John J. Coleman of Newton from the membership of the Boston Housing Authority.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey, the order was laid on the table, yeas 10, nays 6:

Yeas—Councilors Cantwell, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—10.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin—6.

LEGISLATION RE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to provide for the retirement of employees of the city who are not members of a contributory system at half-pay, at age 65, after 40 years of service; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted.

REASONS FOR HALTING OF WORK ON FANEUIL AND NORTH BEACON STREET PROJECTS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the Boston Housing Authority, a representative of the John Bowen Company, and the architect of the Faneuil Housing Project, Thomas F. McDonough, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the City Council on Monday, January 16, 1950, relative to the reasons for the halting of work on the Faneuil and North Beacon Street projects.

The order was passed.

DELIVERY OF JUNIOR AERIAL TO ENGINE 51, BRIGHTON.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to deliver the junior aerial to Engine 51 in Brighton because of the great necessity of this piece of apparatus for the safety of all the people in that district.

The order was passed.

EVENING HEARINGS ON BUDGET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Budget Commissioner and the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the City Council be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hold the budget hearings in the evenings in the Council Chamber so that the people of Boston may be present and see the breakdowns that account for the tax rate they are so concerned with.

The order was passed.

LIGHTING FACILITIES IN VICINITY OF TWO NEW HOUSING PROJECTS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, install proper lighting facilities in the vicinity of the two new housing projects at Farragut road and Columbia road in South Boston.

The order was passed.

ADEQUATE SIDEWALKS FOR NEW HOUSING PROJECTS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to place adequate sidewalks along the new housing projects at Farragut road and Columbia road in South Boston.

The order was passed.

FLOODING OF MARCELLA STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to flood the Marcella Street Playground for ice skating.

The order was passed.

REPLACEMENT OF OLD FIRE STATION IN EGLESTON SQUARE.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision for the immediate replacement of the old fire station in Egleston square with new and more efficiently located quarters.

The order was passed.

INFORMATION RE BUILDING OF SHAWMUT AVENUE SUBWAY.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the MTA, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the members of the Boston City Council if and when they propose to start building the new subway on Shawmut avenue.

The order was passed.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHT, WALSH PLACE, WARD 3.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light in Walsh place, in the North End section of Ward 3.

The order was passed.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WALTHAM STREET AND SHAWMUT AVENUE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corner of Waltham street and Shawmut avenue, Ward 3.
The order was passed.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, PARKER AND CAMBRIDGE STREETS, WARD 2.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Boston Traffic Commission to install traffic control lights at Parker and Cambridge streets, in Ward 2, Charlestown.
The order was passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT WESTVILLE STREET AND GENEVA AVENUE.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corner of Westville street and Geneva avenue in Dorchester.
The order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AT CORNER OF KINGMAN ROAD AND WESTVILLE STREET.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights on the corner of Kingman road and Westville street in Dorchester.
The order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AT CORNER OF TRULL AND GLEN STREETS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric light at the corner of Trull and Glen streets, Ward 15.
The order was passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT WASHINGTON AND BOWDOIN STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL and RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to study the advisability of placing traffic lights at Washington street and Bowdoin street in the Ward 14 area.
The order was passed.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President HURLEY announced the appointment of Councilor Ramsey as temporary chairman of the Executive Committee.

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council how many contracts were awarded by the Boston Housing Authority to firms of which Mr. Coleman was an officer and interested in.
Coun. KINSELLA moved that the order lay on the table, and the motion was lost. The order was passed.

TENANCY IN HOUSING PROJECT BY MR. MANNING.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to explain why Mr. Manning, the former Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, was permitted to become a tenant in the Charlestown housing project; who was responsible for the approval of his application, and how long he was permitted to live there.
President HURLEY referred the order to the Committee on Public Housing.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the members voted to take a recess at 4.08 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.18 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Coun. RAMSEY, temporary chariman of the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Margaret Hoban (referred December 5, 1949) to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, James F. Hoban, late member of Fire Department — recommending passage of the accompanying order:
Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws an annuity of $1,200 be allowed and paid to Margaret Hoban, widow of James F. Hoban, a member of the Fire Department who died on August 30, 1949, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue as long as she remains unmarried; the pension to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON COUNCIL RULES.

President HURLEY appointed the following as a committee to report back on Monday, January 16, on rules to govern the Council for 1950: Councilor P. A. Tracy, Beades, Ramsey, Shanley and Kinsella.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted at 4.20 P.M., to adjourn, to meet on Monday, January 16, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 16, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Wesley H. Blank, 4 Columbus terrace, Newton Highlands, Mass., as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1950.

Michael J. McDonough, 354 K street, South Boston, Mass., as Leather Measurer, for term ending April 30, 1950. (State License No. 1832.)

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations, when appointed.

PERMITS FOR GASOLINE STATIONS, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Building Commissioner relative to your order of January 3, 1950, concerning the granting of permits for the construction of gasoline stations at 56 Beech street, 426 Belgrade avenue, and 1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Building Department, January 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: City Council Order, January 3, 1950, Gasoline Stations, West Roxbury.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the above order of the City Council the records of this department show that the petitions to the Board of Street Commissioners were stamped by the Zoning Division of this office on the dates and for the purposes specified:

56 Beech Street. Approved November 18, 1949. Local business district (L-40). Two-car lubritorium, 8,900 gallons inflammable fluids.

426 Belgrade Avenue. Approved November 28, 1949. Local business district (L-40). Two-car lubritorium, one-car washstand, 9,820 gallons inflammable fluids.

1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway. Approved December 15, 1949. Industrial district (I-80). One-car lubritorium, one-car washstand, 9,840 gallons inflammable fluids.

The Zoning approval is for the information of the Board of Street Commissioners and for the protection of the applicant; it is preliminary to the Board hearing and it cites the use which is permitted in the premises. It is not a building permit.

At the present time there are no applications for building permits for these locations before this department. In the event, however, that any such applications are filed the department will have no option but to issue permits if the applications and plans conform to the requirements of law.

Section 111 (a), chapter 479 of the Acts of 1938 as amended, the Boston Building Code, provides as follows:

"If the commissioner is satisfied that the work described in an application for permit conforms to the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws and ordinances . . . the commissioner shall issue a permit therefor to the applicant."

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MAHONEY,
Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF BOSTON STREET, WARD 7.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 12, 1949, concerning the resurfacing of Boston street, Ward 7, from Andrew square to Edward Everett square.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Boston street, Ward 7, from Andrew square to Edward Everett square, removing or covering up the present streetcar tracks, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list to be given consideration by the Highway Division of the Public Works Department.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF OAKWOOD AVENUE, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 12, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 19, 1949, concerning the construction of Oakwood avenue, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works construct Oakwood avenue, Ward 17, and this is to advise you that this street has been laid out as Capen place, Ward 17. This work will be placed on the list to be given consideration by the Highway Division of the Public Works Department.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

EVENING HEARINGS ON BUDGET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Budget Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the holding of budget hearings in the evenings in the Council Chamber.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Budget Department, January 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of an order passed by the City Council at its meeting January 9, 1950, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Budget Commissioner and the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the City Council be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hold the budget hearings in the evenings in the Council Chamber so as the people of Boston may be present and see the breakdowns that account for the tax rate they are so concerned with."

To the best of my knowledge, the City Council, through its Committee on Appropriations, fixes the time and place for the budget hearings. As in the past, this department will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Committee on Appropriations.

It has been the policy over the years for the Committee on Appropriations to hold budget hearings during office hours, for the reason that department heads, their fiscal clerks and records are readily available. Budget schedules are very difficult to maintain, because it is practically impossible to estimate the elapsed time for hearing each individual department. This situation has resulted in postponements and substitutions, which, while rather difficult to adjust when the hearings are held during office hours, would be doubly difficult if hearings are held after the regular office hours.

Very truly yours,
JOHN A. SULLIVAN,
Budget Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Howard M. Ball Insurance Ageney, Inc., for damage to car of Armand A. Desjean by city truck.

Frederick J. Brady, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Hugo J. Caggiano, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Francis E. Callahan, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Anna P. Carinc, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred caused by leak in water pipe at 97 Oakland street.

Amelia M. Guaragna, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Van Winkle street, Dorchester, caused by water entering premises.

Anthony C. Iorio, for compensation for injuries and damage to property by city vehicle.

Boleslaus J. Kulik, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

William I. McFatter, for compensation for damage to car by city hospital ambulance.

Mary S. Mirochniek, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mrs. Joseph J. Montella, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 28 Russett road.

Vita Procopio, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 161 Orleans street.

Bessie Simons, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2039 Commonwealth avenue.

Alfred P. Thomas, to be reimbursed as result of executions issued against him.

Edmond J. Wedge, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wisnioski for compensation for damage to property at 70 and 72 Regent street, Roxbury, by broken water pipe.

HEARING BEFORE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Notice was received from Everett I. Flanders, State Fire Marshal, of hearing to be held Thursday, January 19, at 9.30 A.M., at 1010 Commonwealth avenue, on appeal of Cornelius B. Kennedy from action of Board of Street Commissioners of City of Boston on December 29, 1949, in granting license to the Texas Oil Company for keeping, storage, and sale of 6,000 gallons of gasoline, waste oil, 500 gallons, grease, 110 gallons, 800 pounds additional to existing license at 13 Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room, 166 State House, on January 30, at 10 A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license for operation of motor vehicles in Boston over Service street, between Bunker Hill street and Adams street, and over the Mystic River Bridge in the cities of Chelsea and Boston, between Fifth street, Chelsea, and Henley street, Boston, including the ramp leading from Everett avenue, Chelsea, to be the bridge and the ramp leading from the bridge to Beacon street, Chelsea.

Placed on file.

Coun. WENZLER in the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE G. LEARSON.

Notice was received from the Assessing Department of appointment of Katherine G. Learson, 18 Conway street, Roslindale, as permanent first assistant Assessor at salary of $3,000 a year, effective January 1, 1950, appointment being subject to provisions of chapter 332, Acts of 1939.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

Albert E. Desaulniers, 44 Grampian Way, Dorchester, Trustee of Statistics Department, for term ending April 30, 1954, *vice* William J. Campbell, resigned.

Jane Minot, 86 Pinckney street, member of Board of Recreation, for term ending January 10, 1953, *vice* Thomas J. Turley, resigned.

Severally placed on file.

DESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN.

Notice was received of the designation by the Mayor of Albert E. Desaulniers, as Chairman of the Statistics Department.

Placed on file.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of election on January 5, 1950, of Gerald F. Seally as chairman, with authority to approve bills of the incidental expenses of the department, payrolls and drafts.

Placed on file.

RESTORATION OF BARRY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Mystic River Bridge Authority regarding the possibility of the restoration to a usable condition of the Barry Playground, Ward 2, Charlestown.

The order was passed.

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE TUCKER IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation providing for the permanent appointment in the Police Department of the City of Boston of George Tucker who was injured in the performance of his duty while serving as a provisional police-

man, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council of Boston.

The resolution was adopted.

REINSTATEMENT OF JAMES L. CONCANNON.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to authorize the reinstatement in the Police Department of James L. Concannon, a member of said department who resigned in 1937, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted.

CONSTRUCTION OF CLAYMONT TERRACE, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That it is requested that his Honor, the Mayor request the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out and construct Claymont terrace, in Ward 16, as a public way.

The order was passed.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY ARCHITECT DEPARTMENT.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to study the feasibility of setting up a new city department to be known as the City Architect Department, whereby all new city buildings and alterations to buildings requiring the services of an architect will be governed by this new department, thus eliminating the present architects fees by outside concerns.

On motion of Councilor Cook the order was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AT 833 AND 835 COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to construct sidewalks at 833 and 835 Columbia road, Dorchester.

The order was passed.

REPAIR OF CEMENT STEPS LEADING FROM COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed to make proper repairs to the cement steps leading from Columbia road to Carson street adjacent to Columbia Station.

The order was passed.

LEGISLATION RE FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. HANNON and LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council record itself as in favor of the enactment of House Bill 968—an act providing a five-day week for members of the Boston Police Department, provided such legislation contains a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted.

TEMPORARY REOPENING OF STATE-BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation for the reopening of, for a period of not more than 60 days, of the State-Boston Retirement System substantially as provided in the petition of the Boston Council of Municipal Employees, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted.

ANNUITY PAYMENTS MADE TO DEPENDENTS OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Corporation Counsel to take whatever steps are necessary to increase the so-called annuity payments made to the dependents of firemen and policemen whose death resulted from injuries as the result of an accident occurring during the performance and within the scope of duty.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF SPECTATOR STANDS, JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct spectator stands to seat approximately 2,000 people at Jefferson Playground, in Ward 10.

The order was passed.

RENOVATION OF TEMPORARY UNITS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately make such renovations as are necessary, in relation to the temporary units in Ward 14, so that sickness and other distressing conditions may be averted.

The order was passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of placing traffic lights at Radcliffe and Harvard streets, and at Geneva avenue and Columbia road, Ward 14.

The order was passed.

RESTORATION OF WARD 15 STREETS BY CONTRACTORS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the contractors, who are doing the work for the Boston Edison Company on Topliff street and Quincy street, Dorchester, in Ward 15, put back in good order the streets they have dug up.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY HOUSES ON WOOD ESTATE, WARDS 17 AND 18.

Coun. CANTWELL and FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to confer with the Boston Housing Authority and the State Housing Board to construct one-and two-family homes on the Wood Estate, in Ward 17, and a portion of the Wood Estate overlapping in Ward 18.

The order was passed.

ALLOTMENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set

up a policy on applications for apartments, veterans' housing, and other projects that come within their jurisdiction which will be free from politics and favoritism, and that hardship and worthy cases will be given first consideration.

On motion of Councilor Chase, the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

CHECK ON POULTRY, ETC., BY PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Penal Institutions be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to keep a close check on poultry, cattle, and pigs, etc., especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas time, for the best interest of the taxpayers' dollar.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK, 45 SELKIRK ROAD.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct a granolithic sidewalk at 45 Selkirk road, Ward 21.

The order was passed.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOHN T. SUMPTER.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Ophir street and Washington street, Jamaica Plain, in honor of Sgt. John T. Sumpter, of 10 Ophir street, Jamaica Plain, who gave his life while in the service of his country during World War II.

The order was passed.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF FRANCIS CATENACCI.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Beethoven street and Washington street, Roxbury, in honor of T/Sgt. Francis Catenacci, a member of the 345 Bomber Squadron, who lost his life on September 27, 1943, in New Guinea, while in the service of his country during World War II.

The order was passed.

INVESTIGATION OF CONDITIONS ON ACCIDENT FLOOR, CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of the City Hospital to investigate the conditions which prevail on the accident floor where it is alleged that patients are forced to wait for unreasonable lengths of time before they are given proper medical care and treatment, and that immediate steps be taken to correct this condition.

The order was passed.

NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF INCREASED ASSESSMENTS BEFORE SENDING OUT TAX BILLS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to instruct the first assistant assessors throughout the entire city, that after making a survey relative to individual value of each home and business establishment in each ward, to notify the owner of this property with an explanation, if they in any way are increasing the assessment for the present year so that the property owner may have reasonable time to discuss with the first assistant assessor the reason why he has raised the assessed value on the property and not wait until the tax bill is issued and entered permanently on the books.

The order was passed.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WASHINGTON AND ATKINS STREETS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian push button lights on the corner of Washington street and Atkins street, in Ward 22, Brighton.

The order was passed.

EXEMPTION OF SCHOOL CUSTODIANS FROM FIVE-DAY WEEK.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise and make recommendations to the City Council as to acceptance of an amendment to the law which would exempt custodians from the five-day week.

The order was passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appoint additional social workers in order to speed up action on the increased number of applications which have been filed for various forms of welfare assistance.

The order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. P. A. TRACY, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

The Committee on Rules, having considered proposed rules for the years 1950–51, submits a report with the following recommendations:

That the rules for the years 1948–49 be amended in Rules 14 and 25, and, as amended, said rules be adopted as the rules of the City Council for the years 1950–51. Said amendments are set forth in the following paragraphs:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF RULES COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO CHANGES IN RULES OF CITY COUNCIL.

Rule 14. After the word Committee, at the end of the second paragraph, insert the following sentence: "The Committee shall have the power to determine what person or persons other than a member of the Council shall appear before the Committee."

Rule 25, Clause (9). After the word Council, the second line of said clause, strike out all remaining part of said clause and insert the following words: "To whom shall be reported all matters concerning Veterans' Affairs."

The report was accepted. Councilor Hannon moved to recommit the proposed amendments to the Committee on Rules for the purpose of giving each member of the Council a copy of the proposed changes. The motion was lost.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

On motion of Councilor Cook to adopt the amendment to Rule 14, the motion was lost. The question then came on the adoption of amendment to Rule 25, and the amendment was adopted.

The rules as amended were adopted.

PROHIBIT USE OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVES.

Coun. CHASE, SHANLEY, and YERXA offered the following:

Whereas, There is pending before the Legislative Committee on Transportation House Bill 1044, which if enacted into law, would prohibit the use of steam locomotives in the City of Boston and would compel the railroads to either electrify or dieselize their locomotives used within Boston; and

Whereas, The present use of steam locomotives in Boston causes a smoke nuisance and is detrimental to health and property; be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in regular meeting assembled, respectfully urges the Legislative Committee on Transportation to adopt a favorable report on House Bill 1044, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Legislative Committee on Transportation.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Shanley the Council voted to take a recess at 3.58 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 6.53 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

President HURLEY announced the appointment of Committees for the year 1950, as follows:

Executive.

All members, Councilor Ramsey, chairman; Councilor Sullivan, vice-chairman.

Appropriations.

Councilors Shanley, Ramsey, F. Tracey, Beades, Coffey, Ansel, P. Tracy.

Claims.

Councilors Linehan, F. Tracey, McCormack, Bryan, Chase.

County Accounts.

Councilors Beades, Ramsey, Cook, Hannon, Cantwell.

Finance.

Councilors P. Tracy, Wenzler, Ansel, Yerxa, Kinsella, Sullivan, Linehan.

Inspection of Prisons.

Councilors Sullivan, Linehan, Wenzler, Beades, Lanigan.

Legislative Matters.

Councilors Lane, Kinsella, Coffey, Cook, Hannon.

Licenses.

Councilors Coffey, Kinsella, P. Tracy, Beades, Yerxa, Shanley, Ansel.

Military Affairs.

Councilors Cook, P. Tracy, Yerxa, F. Tracey, Linehan.

Ordinances.

Councilors Ramsey, Linehan, Wenzler, Ansel, Shanley, P. Tracy, Coffey.

Parkman Fund.

Councilors Bryan, Cantwell, McCormack, Lanigan, Chase.

Printing.

Councilors Cantwell, McCormack, Hannon, Lane, Farin.

Public Lands.

Councilors F. Tracey, Sullivan, Beades, Shanley, Ramsey.

Rules.

Councilors P. Tracy, Ramsey, Beades, Shanley, Kinsella.

Confirmations.

Councilors Ansel, Shanley, Wenzler.

Parks and Playgrounds.

Councilors Yerxa, F. Tracey, Wenzler, Ansel, Lanigan.

Public Housing.

Councilors Linehan, Coffey, Wenzler, Sullivan, F. Tracey.

Public Safety.

Councilors Beades, Coffey, Ramsey, F. Tracey, Lane.

Public Welfare.

Councilors Wenzler, Coffey, Kinsella, Lanigan, Sullivan.

Public Works.

Councilors Kinsella, Ansel, Sullivan, Coffey, P. Tracy.

Hospitals.

Councilors Sullivan, Shanley, Kinsella, Ansel, Ramsey, Beades, Cantwell.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Linehan, at 6.55 P.M., to meet on Monday, January 23, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 23, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT OF JAMES J. MAHAR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of section 26L of the Housing Authority Law of the Commonwealth (as inserted in chapter 121 of the General Laws and as amended by section 1 of chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946), I hereby appoint James J. Mahar, 129 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, to be a member of the Boston Housing Authority for the term expiring January 8, 1955, vice Cornelius P. Cronin, term expired.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the appointment by his Honor the Mayor of James J. Mahar to be a member of the Boston Housing Authority for the term expiring January 8, 1955, be and hereby is, confirmed and approved.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

FLOODING OF MARCELLA STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the flooding of the Marcella street playground for ice skating.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memorandum from your office with attached City Council order requesting that the Park Commission flood the Marcella street playground for ice skating.

I have had an investigation made of this playground and its suitability for ice skating by the Chief Engineer and he reports to me that because of ledge conditions that the surfaced area of the John J. Connolly Playground, known as Marcella street, was originally designed to pitch all in one direction, toward Ritchie street and the Public Works service yard which is located adjacent to the playground.

Because of this condition, it is impracticable for skating purposes as the area will not hold the water, and because of this reason this department has never attempted to flood this area.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PERMITS FOR SIDEWALK OPENINGS AT 56 BEECH STREET AND 426 BELGRADE AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of January 3, 1950, concerning the refusal to grant any permits for sidewalk openings at 56 Beech street and 426 Belgrade avenue, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 18, 1950.

Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on January 3:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to refuse to grant any permits for sidewalk openings at 56 Beech street and 426 Belgrade avenue, Ward 20."

Up to the present time, no permits have been requested for the above-referenced locations. I have instructed the engineer in charge of the Permit Office, however, to refer any permittees to me, when and if applications are made for any permits for sidewalk openings at these locations. At such time, it is my intention to ask the Corporation Counsel if I have the authority to reject such applications.

If his opinion is in the affirmative, I assure you that I shall give consideration to complying with the provisions of the above-referenced order.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INCREASED WATTAGE FOR ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the increasing of the wattage on existing electric lights and also on electric lights to be installed in the future.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 18, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on January 9:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to increase the wattage on existing electric lights and also on electric lights to be installed in the future."

While many sections of the city are not lighted in accordance with accepted standards, we cannot undertake any general increase in the size or wattage of the existing electric lights, because of existing economic conditions.

The following tabulation shows the cost of electric street lighting and gas lighting for the years 1940, 1945, and 1949:

YEAR.	ELECTRIC.	GAS.	TOTAL.
1940	$726,352 67	$191,239 77	$917,592 44
1945	$747,201 50	$208,875 07	$956,076 57
1949	$881,593 61	$278,922 35	$1,160,515 96

It is obvious that the cost of street lighting in this city has increased progressively and rather substantially in the past nine years, despite the

fact that in this period the Boston Edison Company has not increased its rate, except for a fuel charge. In 1949 this fuel charge amounted to $34,016.72 for electric street lighting and $25,788.56 for gas lights.

At the present time, the Boston Edison Company is preparing a petition, to be filed with the Department of Public Utilities, requesting an increase in the schedule of rates charged to the various cities and towns in the metropolitan area for street lighting. This petition might be acted upon favorably by the Department of Public Utilities, and there is no way of telling at this time the extent or amount of such an increase. In view, therefore, of all circumstances, I do not feel that we would be justified in further increasing the cost of street lighting by adopting a program which will provide for an increase in the wattage of all existing lights located in our city.

I would appreciate being informed, however, of any particular sections in the city where the street lighting facilities are so obviously inadequate as to constitute a hazard to the residents. In such cases, and to the extent of the budgetary appropriations, I assure you that I shall do everything within reason to remedy the particular condition.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACEMENT OF ALL GAS STREET-LIGHTING BY ELECTRICITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the changing of the lighting contract for gas lamps by cancellation or otherwise, so that immediate replacement of all gas lamps throughout the city by adequate electric lights will take place.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 23, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on January 9:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel and the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take such steps as are necessary to change the lighting contract for gas lamps by cancellation or otherwise, so that immediate replacement of all gas lamps throughout the city by adequate electric lights will take place; and to advise the council of their action."

At the present time, there are approximately 7,050 gas lamps used in the city for street-lighting purposes. Recently, I discussed with officials of the Boston Edison Company the possibility of eliminating the major part or all of the existing gas lamps and replacing them with electric lights. I was informed that it would be impossible to discontinue approximately 4,500 gas lamps, because of the prohibitive costs involved in substituting electric street lights. The latter-referenced condition is caused by the fact that the Boston Edison Company has no facilities available in the streets in which these 4,500 gas lamps are located. The existing Edison facilities in these areas are located on rear lot lines, and it would be necessary, therefore, for them to provide, at the expense of the city, additional and costly facilities in the streets where the above-referenced 4,500 lamps are located.

We have made tentative arrangements, however, with the officials of the Edison Company to replace the 2,500 other gas lamps by instituting a program of approximately 1,000 replacements a year for the next two and one half years. We cannot provide for a more accelerated program in this connection because it costs the department approximately $53 for the removal of every existing gas light. Under the circumstances, therefore, we shall have to provide approximately $50,000 a year for the next two years to discontinue 1,000 street lamps each year, and approximately $25,000 in the third year to remove the remaining 500.

In brief, it would be most impractical to consider discontinuing approximately 4,500 of the 7,050 gas lamps now located in the streets of Boston, due to the prohibitive cost. The remaining 2,500 lamps will be discontinued and electric lights substituted in the next two and one half years, the cost of the latter-referenced program to be approximately $125,000.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the naming of the number of contracts awarded to firms of which Mr. Coleman is an officer or interested in.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority.
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In answer to the City Council order of January 9, 1950, in which they request, through you, that the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority be requested to name the number of contracts awarded to firms of which Mr. Coleman is an officer or interested in, the following are the facts:

Mr. John Coleman is not an officer or stockholder in any company that the Boston Housing Authority has ever awarded a contract to. As to other interests, I am interested in all concerns that have done work for the Authority and believe it is only my duty as a member of the Authority and in the best interests of the citizens and the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
John J. Coleman, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF STREET IN HONOR OF ROBERT J. LOWNEY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to your order concerning the naming of the service street now in process of construction between Bunker Hill street and Adams street, Charlestown district, in honor of the late Robert J. Lowney, U.S.N.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
January 17, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your recent communication of January 12, enclosing copy of Council order of January 9, 1950, requesting that the name of the service street now in process of construction between Bunker Hill street and Adams street,

Charlestown district, be named in honor of the late Robert J. Lowney, U.S.N., I beg to advise that as soon as said way is turned over to the City of Boston by the Mystic River Bridge Authority, the order shall receive the immediate attention and consideration of this Board.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF SHAWMUT AVENUE SUBWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the general manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the construction of the Shawmut avenue subway extension.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
January 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

On January 5 we received a communication from you relative to construction of the Shawmut avenue subway extension, to which we replied as follows:

"In reply to your communication of January 5 asking for consideration of order relative to construction of the Shawmut avenue subway extension, may I say that the survey groups have been at work on this since the Metropolitan Transit Authority took over the Boston Transit Department, and the preparation of drawings will follow after this phase of the work is completed.

"This is a large undertaking and is proceeding in an orderly manner,"

which covers the January 12th communication we have just received with regard to the same matter.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT OLD MORTON STREET AND PLEASANT HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of January 3, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic signals at the corner of Old Morton street and Pleasant Hill avenue, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 3, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Signals at the Corner of Old Morton Street and Pleasant Hill Avenue, Ward 17.

Dear Sir:

At the present time there are no funds available to this department for the installation of traffic signals. When money is available, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT WALTHAM STREET AND SHAWMUT AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic signals at the corner of Waltham street and Shawmut avenue, Ward 3.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Signals at the Corner of Waltham Street and Shawmut Avenue, Ward 3.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the subject Council order, please be advised that at the present time there are no funds available to this department for the installation of traffic signals. However, this location will be given consideration if money is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PARKER AND TREMONT STREETS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Parker and Tremont streets, and a pedestrian light at the corner of Station and Parker streets, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Corner of Parker and Tremont Streets, and a Pedestrian Light at the Corner of Station and Parker Streets, Ward 10.

Dear Sir:

At the present time there is no money provided for this department for the installation of the requested signals. If funds are made available consideration will be given to the above-mentioned locations.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT WESTVILLE STREET AND GENEVA AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Westville street and Geneva avenue in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Corner of Westville Street and Geneva Avenue in Dorchester.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that there are no funds available to this department for the installation of traffic signals at this time. However, if money is provided consideration will be given to the above location.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PARKER AND CAMBRIDGE STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic control lights at Parker and Cambridge streets, in Ward 2, Charlestown.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Control Lights at Parker and Cambridge Streets, in Ward 2, Charlestown.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that at the present time there are no funds available to this department for the requested installation. Consideration will be given to this area if money is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT WASHINGTON AND BOWDOIN STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner concerning your order of January 9, 1950, relative to the installation of traffic signals at the corner of Washington and Bowdoin streets in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting this Commission to Study the Advisability of Placing Traffic Lights at Washington and Bowdoin Streets in Ward 14.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this Commission is without funds for the installation of traffic signals at the present time. Consideration will be given to the above request if money is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WELLINGTON HILL STREET AND GOODALE ROAD ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of the Boston Traffic Commission, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the advisability of making Wellington Hill street and Goodale road one-way streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting that a Study Be Made as to the Advisability of Making Wellington Hill Street and Goodale Road One-Way Streets.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to the above Council order, and my reply of January 16, 1950, the following is a report from our engineer:

"Wellington Hill street is a long, circuitous street with parking prohibited in the northwest side from Goodale road to Deering road, 24 hours. Goodale road is 800 or 900 feet long. Persons living on either of these streets would have to travel long distances either coming to or going from their homes. The area is residential and I respectfully recommend no action until such time as a majority of the residents petition for one-way streets."

Upon receipt of petitions from the residents the matter will be placed before the full Board for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGNS AT MINOT AND CARRUTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning a survey being made of the junction of Minot and Carruth streets, with a view to erecting "Stop Before Entering" signs at this intersection.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting that a Survey Be Made of the Junction of Minot and Carruth Streets, with a View to Erecting "Stop Before Entering" Signs at This Intersection.

Dear Sir:

The engineers of this Commission will make the survey requested and will do all possible to comply with same.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, PARK AND WASHINGTON STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of January 3, 1950, concerning the installation of

traffic signals, with a push button for pedestrians, at the corner of Park and Washington streets, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
January 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 3, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Signals, with a Push Button for Pedestrians, at the Corner of Park and Washington Streets, Ward 17.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that this Commission has no money available at this time for the installation of traffic signals requested in the subject Council order. When money is available, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ADEQUATE SIDEWALKS FOR FARRAGUT ROAD AND COLUMBIA ROAD HOUSING PROJECTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of adequate sidewalks along the new housing projects at Farragut road and Columbia road in South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department
January 17, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install adequate sidewalks along the new housing projects at Farragut road and Columbia road in South Boston, and this is to advise you that this work will be done when the weather is favorable.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Sophie Adomunes, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 702 East Fifth street, caused by water meter installation.

Clarence E. Douse, for compensation for damage to water boiler at 39 Parkton road, caused by changing of water meter.

Hardware Mutuals, for compensation for damage to car of Edward S. Healy by falling tree.

Frank K. Hardy, for compensation for damage to property at 11 Whitney park, caused by defective water pipes.

Ethel G. Innis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dickens street.

Gerard Paimisano, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Harry Tittlebaum, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

William Weisberg, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

R. Gaynor Wellings, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 5 Druid street, caused by water being shut off.

Executive.

Petition of South Shore Coach Lines, Inc., for license to operate motor vehicles from Quincy-Boston line at Neponset Circle along Neponset avenue to Adams street, on Adams street to Gibson street, on Gibson street to Dorchester avenue, on Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner MTA terminal, from the Fields Corner MTA terminal on Geneva avenue to Park street, on Park street to Adams street, on Adams street to Neponset avenue, on Neponset avenue to the Boston-Quincy line.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ruth N. McShane, Municipal Building, South Boston, February 23.

Permit granted on usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures as follows:

Resolution adopted January 16, 1950, approving expenditures for compensation to Housing Authority members from chapter 372 funds for year 1950, providing that any sums which the Authority is authorized to take for purposes of compensation to Authority members from any and all other housing programs in which they receive rental income shall be deducted from total sum paid annually to Authority members, i. e., $27,000, and provided further that the Authority shall not pay the members of the Boston Housing Authority in an amount in excess of 1 per cent of gross income received by the Authority, as provided for in Section 26–O of the Massachusetts Housing Authority Law.

Approval of expenditure of $840 for unloading, carting, placing, and connecting of ranges and refrigerators at Bakersfield Veterans' Housing Project.

Approval of expenditure of $512.65 for extension of retaining wall and erection of fence at the North Avenue Veterans' Housing Project.

Approval of expenditure of $389.13 for building basement pit and installing backwater trap at Lot No. 51, Paragon road, North Avenue Veterans' Housing Project.

Approval of expenditure of $3,198.57 for substitution of sinks and trays for those specified at Victory Road Veterans' Housing Project.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN LEO McGRATH.

Notice was received from the Commissioner of Public Works of appointment of John Leo McGrath as acting division engineer of the Automotive Division of the Public Works Department.

Placed on file.

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a Crime Prevention Bureau with a view to advising business establishments as to the proper protection of their property and prevention of armed robberies.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY OF SKATERS USING PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Police Commissioner for full protection for the property of skaters using public playgrounds for skating for the purpose of precluding the theft of personal property such as occurred Sunday, January 22, at the Ryan Field in Sullivan square, Charlestown.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Chairman of the Board of Park

Commissioners to provide more protection for the property of skaters on public playgrounds against theft of their belongings.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO ARTHUR GENUALDO.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Arthur Genualdo in compensation for injuries received as a result of being struck by fire apparatus, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

STREET LIGHTING ON EAST THIRD STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide more adequate lighting on East Third street, between L and M streets, South Boston, and that he give this matter his immediate attention.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF BUS SERVICE ALONG SOUTH STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the MTA be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to supply bus service along South street, Jamaica Plain, by extending the bus lines, which now terminate at the Eliot Monument, to the Arborway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Health be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a children's dental clinic in the Jamaica Plain district of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following reports on appointments by the Mayor, for term ending April 30, 1950:

Leo Paul Conlan (referred January 9) as Constable authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond.

James G. Reilly (referred January 9) as Weigher of Coal and Weigher of Goods.

George F. Fitzgerald (referred January 9) as Weigher of Coal.

John N. Gibbons (referred January 9) as Leather Measurer.

Wesley H. Blank (referred January 16) as Weigher of Goods.

Michael J. McDonough (referred January 16) as Leather Measurer,

recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Kinsella. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

INCREASED STREET LIGHTING ON ADAMS STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Lighting Division of the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place additional electric lights on Adams street, Dorchester, from Fields Corner to Gallivan Boulevard, and to increase the wattage of those now in existence.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGN AT KING AND TRAIN STREETS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a "Stop Before Entering" sign at the junction of King and Train streets in Dorchester, and that the sign be erected on King street. This is a matter of urgency because a check of accident records reveals that a large number of accidents occur at this intersection.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CITY HOSPITAL RATES FOR WARD PATIENTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to adjust the $10 rate now charged for ward patients at the Boston City Hospital, with a view to lowering it, and to establish a differential of the rates charged the residents of Boston and what is charged the residents outside of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPLACE CERTAIN GAS LAMPS, DORCHESTER.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the gas lamps on that portion of Welles avenue that begins at Washington street and runs to Talbot avenue, Dorchester; also to remove the gas lamp on Melville Lane, Dorchester, and replace it with an electric light.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, DORCHESTER.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put a new sidewalk in front of 26 Norfolk street, Dorchester, and to remove the red brick sidewalk on Tremlett street, Dorchester, and to have a new sidewalk made, as the bricks are a hazard to the pedestrians.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ERNEST RICHSTEIN.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Crowell street and Norfolk street, Dorchester, in honor of Pfc. Ernest Richstein of Company B, 775th Tank Battalion, who was killed at Luzon in the Philippine Islands on April 3, 1945, while in the service of his country during World War II. One of his two disabled veteran brothers made the Bataan Death March.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CERTAIN DRIVE-IN THEATER PERMITS.

Coun. BRYAN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Attorney General of the Commonwealth to investigate the circumstances surrounding the

recent issuance of permits for drive-in theaters at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20, and 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 16, both of which will constitute a serious traffic hazard.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Beades, the Council voted at 2.45 P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled at 3.45 P.M., and were called to order by President HURLEY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of South Shore Coach Lines, Inc. (referred today), for license to operate motor vehicles from Quincy–Boston line to Fields Corner Station—recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on order (referred today) that Hospital Trustees be requested to adjust the rates now charged for ward patients with a view to lowering it and to establish a differential between rates charged Boston residents and nonresidents—recommending reference of order to the Committee on Hospitals in accompanying new draft:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to adjust the rates now charged for ward and private room patients at the Boston City Hospital with a view to establishing a differential of the rates charged the residents of Boston and what is charged the residents outside of Boston with the purpose of increasing the rates of persons from outside the City of Boston.

The report was accepted, and the order was referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

ENDORSEMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. 437.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby favors the enactment of Senate Bill No. 437, providing for the construction of a World War I and II memorial auditorium and convention hall in the City of Boston by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-STORY OR GARDEN-TYPE APARTMENTS, ETC.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, Two-story walk-up apartments would provide better living conditions for children and old people, rather than the tall buildings which have been and are now being constructed under the Federal Public Housing Program for low-income, families; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of planning construction of two-story walk-up apartments in contemplated low-income Federal Public Housing projects rather than the tall type of buildings that have been and are now being constructed; and be it further

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to plan construction of two-family or garden-type apartments under chapter 200 and to once again request the State Board of Housing to approve the Calf Pasture sites for construction of veterans' housing, preferably two-story or garden-type apartments similar to those constructed in other cities and towns throughout Massachusetts under chapter 200.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER RE REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS AND INCREASED ELECTRIC WATTAGE.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council on Monday, January 30, 1950, at 2.30 P.M., to explain further and in detail the answer given by the commissioner to the orders of the City Council calling for replacement of gas lamps by electric lights and for increase in wattage of the existing electric lamps.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ONE PER CENT TAX ON NONRESIDENT WORKERS IN BOSTON.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature which will provide that the City of Boston may invoke a 1 per cent payroll tax on all nonresidents who are employed in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING, ISLAND AREA OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to utilize the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FLOODING OF CEYLON PLAYGROUND FOR SKATING.

Coun. RAMSEY, HANNON, and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of flooding the Ceylon Playground for skating for young children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED VACANT LAND FOR PARKING.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to use all vacant land throughout the City of Boston, which is in their custody as a result of tax title proceedings, as parking spaces for automobiles.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONCRETE BLEACHERS ON MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install concrete bleachers on the Mary Draper Playground in Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL, CENTRE STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a push-button traffic signal in front of St Theresa's Church, on Centre street, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK REPAIR, CORNING STREET.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the sidewalks on both sides of Corning street, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Carl F. Engler (referred January 9) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred twenty-five dollars ($225) be allowed and paid to Carl F. Engler in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of George F. Brassil (referred January 9) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of patrol wagon belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred fifty dollars and seven cents ($250.07) be allowed and paid to George F. Brassil in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a patrol wagon belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on Samuel J. Hunt (referred January 9) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred forty-four dollars and forty-one cents ($244.41) be allowed and paid to Samuel J. Hunt in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Joseph L. Hughes (referred January 9) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand one hundred dollars ($1,100) be allowed and paid to Joseph L. Hughes in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Joseph L. Hughes (referred January 9), to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars ($1,600) be allowed and paid to Joseph L. Hughes in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Farin, at 4.14 P.M., to meet on Monday, January 30, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 30, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT OF WILFRED J. DOYLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby reappoint Wilfred J. Doyle, 81 Wellington Hill street, Boston, to be a member of the Boston Retirement Board for the term ending September 30, 1952.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments of Constables without authority to serve civil process and to serve without bond, for the term ending April 30, 1950:

Harry A. Abrams, 52 Lindsey street, Dorchester.
Patrick Barrett, 202 South street, Jamaica Plain.
Frank Bevilacqua, 172 Salem street, Boston.
Phillip P. Bryan, 18 Alhambra road, West Roxbury.
Daniel L. Carney, Jr., 705 Metropolitan avenue, Hyde Park.
Francis Coleman, 41 Corey street, Charlestown.
William Connolly, 876 East Fourth street, South Boston.
Frederick J. Corcoran, 32 Lenoxdale avenue, Dorchester.
Salvatore DiTavi, 429 Hanover street, Boston.
Phillip Donlin, 30 Larchmont street, Dorchester.
John L. Dwyer, 967 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
Francis Fitzgerald, 40 Richview street, Dorchester.
John Geraughty, 36 Clarence street, Roxbury.
Robert Gilbody, 3 Ely road, Dorchester.
Timothy F. Keefe, 26 Torrey street, Dorchester.
Edward Kelliher, 7 Highland street, Roxbury.
Herbert F. Kenney, 123 Conant street, Roxbury.
James B. MacInnis, 3 Monadnock street, Dorchester.
George H. Martin, 112 H street, South Boston.
Edward Masterman, 28 Harlem street, Dorchester.
Arthur A. Montuori, 13 Corregidor court, Roxbury.
Robert Morey, 278 Old Colony avenue, South Boston.
Alfred E. Natale, 11 Sheafe street, Boston.
Joseph H. Radley, 660 Huntington avenue, Roxbury.
Harry Roberts, 182 West Canton street, Boston.
Joseph Russian, 35 Lawrence avenue, Roxbury.
Francis X. Singleton, 109 Calumet street, Roxbury.
George Strait, 23 Harold street, Roxbury.
Chester K. Wickes, 699 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale.
George S. Zarthar, 40 West Newton street, Roxbury.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

FANEUIL STREET TO BE ONE WAY IN PART.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of October 10, 1949, concerning Faneuil street, Brighton, to be made one way in a westerly direction, between Bigelow street and Champney street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
January 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 10, 1949, Requesting that Faneuil Street, Brighton, Be Made One Way in a Westerly Direction, Between Bigelow Street and Champney Street.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held January 12, 1950, it was voted to comply with the request contained in the above-mentioned Council order.

The necessary signs to effect this change will be erected on or before January 30, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS ON BROOKS STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of October 31, 1949, concerning the installation of "No Parking" signs in Brooks street, Brighton, from the M.D.C. Highway to Newton street, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
January 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 31, 1949, Requesting that "No Parking" Signs Be Installed in Brooks Street, Brighton, from the M.D.C. Highway to Newton Street, Ward 22.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held January 12, 1950, it was voted to comply with the request contained in the above-mentioned Council order.

The necessary signs to effect this change will be erected on or before January 30, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

REROUTING OF TRUCK TRAFFIC, MORTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 14, 1949, concerning truck traffic being rerouted on Morton street, Forest Hills, to use the street adjacent to the MTA Arborway Yard.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
January 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated November 14, 1949, Requesting that Truck Traffic Be Rerouted on Morton Street, Forest Hills, to Use the Street Adjacent to the MTA Arborway Yard.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held January 12, 1950, it was voted to comply with the request contained in the above-mentioned Council order.

The necessary signs to effect this change will be erected on or before January 30, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT WASHINGTON AND ATKINS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the installation of pedestrian push-button lights at the corner of Washington street and Atkins street, Brighton.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 16, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Pedestrian Push-Button Lights at the Corner of Washington Street and Atkins Street, Brighton.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this commission has no funds available for the installation of traffic signals at the present time. When money is provided, consideration will be given to the above request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LIGHTING FACILITIES AT NEW SOUTH BOSTON HOUSING PROJECTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of proper lighting facilities in the vicinity of the two new housing projects at Farragut road and Columbia road in South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 24, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install lighting facilities at the housing projects on Farragut road and Columbia road, South Boston.

Please be advised that we have requested the Edison Company to furnish us with street lighting layouts for these two areas.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WARD 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the advisability of placing traffic lights at Radcliffe and Harvard streets, and at Geneva avenue and Columbia road, Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 16, 1950, Requesting that a Study Be Made of the Advisability of Placing Traffic Lights at Radcliffe and Harvard Streets, and at Geneva Avenue and Columbia Road, Ward 14.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the subject Council order, I wish to advise that at the present time there is no money provided to this department for the installation of traffic signals. When money is made available, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, TRULL AND GLEN STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of an electric light at the corner of Trull and Glen streets, Ward 15.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 24, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install a new electric light at the corner of Trull and Glen streets, Dorchester, Ward 15.

Please be advised that there is an existing street lamp at the corner of Trull and Glen streets, Dorchester.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, KINGMAN ROAD AND WESTVILLE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of electric lights on the corner of Kingman road and Westville street, in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 24, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install a new

electric light at the corner of Kingman road and Westville street, Dorchester.

Please be advised that we have ordered an electric lamp installed at this location.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHT IN WALSH PLACE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner, relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the installation of an arc light in Walsh place, in the North End section of Ward 3.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 24, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install a new electric light in Walsh place, City Proper, Ward 3.

Please be advised that Walsh place is located in rear of 19 Clark street, City Proper.

To reach it you go through a passageway in a building, and at the present there is an electric light attached to one of the houses. It really is a back yard and I do not think we should install a street lamp.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

JEFFERSON PARK SPECTATOR STANDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the construction of spectator stands to seat approximately 2,000 people at Jefferson Playground in Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 26, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached order from the City Council requesting the construction of spectator stands to seat approximately 2,000 people at Jefferson Playground.

I find, upon investigation, because of the peculiar shape of the boundary lines of this playground, it was necessary to squeeze the ball diamond into the best location possible, resulting in very short distances in all the outfield positions.

It was necessary to crowd the field house in the area, and because of these conditions there does not appear to be adequate space to build spectator stands, especially one of the size to accommodate 2,000 persons. A stand of this size would cost approximately $35,000.

Due to the limitations of our budget we would not be able to construct this stand this year. However, we are keeping it in mind for future consideration, and we may be able at some later date to construct a smaller stand in some other section of the playground.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ERNEST RICHSTEIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to naming the square at the corner of Crowell street and Norfolk street, Dorchester, in honor of Pfc. Ernest Richstein of Company B 775 Tank Battalion, who was killed at Luzon in the Philippine Islands, on April 3, 1945.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
January 26, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of January 25, enclosing Council order introduced by Councilor Farin requesting that the corner of Crowell and Norfolk streets, Dorchester, be named in honor of the late Ernest Richstein, I beg to advise that this order will be given consideration at the next meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, which will be held on or about the latter part of March. In view of the fact that Crowell, Mattbew, and Norfolk streets could be properly termed as a square, it is believed that favorable consideration will be given by the committee.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

TRANSFER OF LAND ON ATKINSON STREET TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith an order placing in the care, custody and control of the Public Works Department approximately 49,621 square feet of land situated on the northwesterly side of Atkinson street, Roxbury.

The construction of the new fire headquarters on the land situated at Massachusetts avenue and Southampton street, formerly occupied by the Public Works Department, renders it necessary that there be made available to the department, space to compensate for its loss of the city yard. I, therefore, recommend adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Although the Public Works Department used and occupied for many years a piece of city-owned property on the northwesterly side of Atkinson street, Roxbury, there never was an official transfer of the premises to the jurisdiction of this department.

At the present time, however, through arrangements which have been in effect for some time, the Boston Traffic Commission is utilizing the premises, which it will vacate as soon as its newly-erected building, on adjacent land on Atkinson street at the corner of Southampton street, is ready for occupancy.

As this property can be used to advantage by this department because of its central location, and also because of its proximity to the present yards on Albany street, I feel that it should be transferred officially. So that this may be done, the Corporation Counsel, in accordance with my request, has prepared the attached order, which I submit to your Honor, with the recommendation that you forward it to the City Council

for appropriate action in the matter of transfer of jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.

The dimensions and boundaries are shown on the accompanying blueprint from plan dated April 4, 1949, and signed by James W. Haley, Chief Engineer of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Whereas, The City of Boston is the owner in fee of approximately forty-nine thousand six hundred twenty-one (49,621) square feet of land situated on the northwesterly side of Atkinson street, Roxbury district; and

Whereas, Said parcel of land is presently required for the purposes of the Public Works Department of the City of Boston; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the following-described parcel of land be, and the same hereby is, placed in the care, custody and control of the Public Works Department of the City of Boston; viz., a certain parcel of land situated on the northwesterly side of Atkinson street, Roxbury district, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Atkinson street, two hundred seventy-six and 87-100 (276.87) feet; southerly by other land of the City of Boston, two hundred thirty-one and 71-100 (231.71) feet; northwesterly by land of Downes Realty Corporation, eighty-three and 29-100 (83.29) feet; northerly by land of Downes Realty Corporation, seventy (70) feet and one hundred fifty-five and 52-100 (155.52) feet; and northeasterly by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one hundred fifteen and 41-100 (115.41) feet, containing approximately 49,621 square feet.

The above-described parcel of land, together with the location and dimensions thereof, is shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Atkinson Street, Southampton Street, Roxbury, April 4, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

LOAN FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

By the terms of the Statute of 1949, chapter 598, the City of Boston is authorized to borrow up to $12,000,000 for the construction of a sewage treatment plant at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station. By the terms of the Act, construction must be commenced not later than April 1, 1950.

The Commissioner of Public Works has submitted to me a request for a loan authorization in the sum of $10,000,000, which he feels will probably be sufficient to accomplish the construction authorized by the statute.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body the approval of the loan order herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

For the past several decades, concerted drives have been made by residents and Representatives of Quincy, Recess Commissions from the Legislature, the State Department of Health, and others, in an effort to eliminate the pollution of the tidal waters of Boston Harbor, which is caused by the discharging of approximately 275,000,000 gallons of raw sewage from the so-called North and South Metropolitan sewerage systems, and also from the Boston Main Drainage System.

The Metropolitan District Commission has now under construction a sewage treatment plant at Nut Island, Quincy, to correct the unsanitary conditions caused by the South Metropolitan system in Boston Harbor, and plans are being prepared to install a sewage treatment plant by the Metropolitan District Commission to correct the conditions caused by the North Metropolitan system.

Under the provisions of chapter 598 of the Acts of 1949, the City of Boston is required to start construction of a sewage treatment plant at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station not later than April 1, 1950, and complete it prior to July 1, 1955. The Act also authorizes the borrowing outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, of an amount not in excess of $12,000,000, to meet the expenses involved in the construction of the sewage treatment plant and appurtenant works at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station, and also to reconstruct and alter the existing sewerage works at other locations within the Boston main drainage system.

It has been estimated that it will cost in the vicinity of $8,000,000 or $9,000,000 to construct a new sewage treatment plant and to provide for a new pumping station at Calf Pasture. While it is difficult to determine the cost of reconstructing and altering the existing sewerage works, it is reasonable to assume that the total cost involved might not exceed $10,000,000. I feel that it would be advisable, at this time, to provide authorization only for the issuance of bonds in the amount of $10,000,000, with the understanding that no money will be borrowed in excess of the amount needed to effect the improvements required under the provisions of said chapter.

I am enclosing, for transmittal to the City Council, for its approval, an order prepared by the Law Department, which provides for the borrowing of $10,000,000, as provided by and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 598 of the Acts of 1949.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 598 of the Acts of 1949 the sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the construction of a sewage treatment plant and appurtenant works at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station, so called, in the Dorchester district of said city in general accordance with plans approved by the State Department of Public Health, and to reconstruct and alter the existing sewerage works at said pumping station at Moon Island in Boston Harbor and at other locations within the Boston main drainage system, so called, and that to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or notes to said amount which shall bear on their face the words: "City of Boston, Sewage Treatment Plant, Act of 1949" and which shall be payable in not more than 30 years from their date of issuance.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

SALE OF LAND AT COLUMBUS AVENUE AND RITCHIE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication received from George G. Hyland, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the proposed sale of approximately 22,271 square feet of land situated at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street, Roxbury, presently in the custody of the Public Works Department, to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company and an abutting landowner for a purchase price of $11,140.

In view of the fact that the Webb Company own adjoining land it is justifiable in my opinion to sell the property in question directly to the Webb Company. It is the intention of the Webb Company to erect a building on this lot of land, to cost approximately $50,000.

I, therefore, concur with the opinion of the Public Works Commissioner that this land be sold to the Webb Company at the aforementioned price and I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At the present time, the Public Works Department has under its jurisdiction a large parcel of land located at the corner of Columbus avenue and Ritchie street, Roxbury.

I have interviewed representatives of one of the abutters of this land, the F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company, of 1544 Columbus avenue, Roxbury, for the purpose of making arrangements to sell part of this land directly to said company, without conducting a public auction.

The F. W. Webb Company is anxious to acquire 22,271 square feet in the location shown on the attached plan. They feel that it is very necessary for them to acquire this land for the purpose of erecting a two-story building on it, in order to expand their present facilities. Currently, they own the main building that is used by them as a general office and showroom, and they lease two buildings in the rear of their property. The latter two buildings, however, have been sold to the Eliot Motor Company, and the new owner desires to use these buildings for his own use subsequent to the termination date, in August of this year, of the lease that the Webb Company has with the previous owner.

The officials of the latter-referenced company have informed me that they submitted an offer to this department some time ago of 50 cents per square foot for the land that they desire to acquire. I talked to said officials this morning and asked them if they would be willing to increase this offer, as I felt that the land was worth more than 50 cents a foot and might bring a substantially larger sum if a public auction were held. They stated, however, that their offer of 50 cents could not be increased, as they thought such a price was fair, and also in view of the large expenditure of approximately $50,000 that they intend to make to construct a new building on the land.

In view of the fact that this is an old established company, and has been in its present location since 1933, and also taking into consideration that they plan to develop the land by erecting a building on it, I feel that it would be good business for the city to sell the land directly to this company for 50 cents a foot, rather than hold a public auction, at which a higher price probably would be obtained from other interests.

I, therefore, recommend that the enclosed order providing for the sale of this land to the F. W. Webb Company, be transmitted to the City Council, for action by that Body.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee certain lands situated on the easterly side of Columbus avenue and on the northerly side of Ritchie street in the Roxbury district of the City of Boston, and the title to said lands was acquired by a deed dated May 17, 1830, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 92, page 51; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston has declared that a certain parcel of said lands, hereinafter described is no longer needed for public purposes; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the parcel of land, hereinafter described, at private sale for the sum of eleven thousand one hundred forty dollars ($11,140); and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute and deliver to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston conveying all the City of Boston's right, title and interest in and to said parcel of land bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the easterly side line of Columbus avenue, one hundred sixty-eight and 92/100 (168.92) feet; northerly by land now or formerly of F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company, eighty (80) feet; westerly by otber land now or formerly of F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company, twenty-three and 29/100 (23.29) feet; northerly by land now or formerly of U-Dryvit Auto Rental Company, Inc., twenty and 43/100 (20.43) feet; easterly by other land of the City of Boston, two hundred sixty-three and 25/100 (263.25) feet; southerly by the northerly line of Ritchie street, by two measurements, eighty-one and 59/100 (81.59) feet and thirty-two and 4/100 (32.04) feet; westerly by land now or formerly of Anna C. Reiss and M. Ludwig Boehner, twelve and 18/100 (12.18) feet; southwesterly by other land now or formerly of Anna C. Reiss and M. Ludwig Boehner, nine and 30/100 (9.30) feet, containing twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-one (22,271) square feet of land, more or less.

Said parcel of land and all of said measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Columbus Avenue, Ritchie Street, Roxbury, June 14, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz:

Claims.

Louis Cecere, for compensation for loss of false teeth while patient at City Hospital.

Catherine M. Conway, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 1520 Tremont street, caused by leak in water pipe.

Elsie Custeau, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 62 Stimson street, West Roxbury, caused by water being shut off.

Albert DeVincent, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Patrick G. Hoey, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Joachim McWade, for compensation for damage to property at 17 Rockville park, caused by overflow of sewage.

Morgan Memorial, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Joseph W. O'Brien, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mary Pace, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Gartland street, caused by leak in water pipe.

Abraham Rudinsky, for compensation for damage to car by police cruising car.

David H. VanHam, for compensation for damage to car by ball thrown from Billings Field Playground.

NOTICES OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY.

Notice was received from J. J. Benkert, member of Boston Housing Authority, of rental of snow removal equipment by J. J. Benkert Company to City of Boston from January 25, 1950, to April 1, 1950.

Notice was received from Daniel M. Driscoll, Chairman of Board of Assessors, and President of Eighteen Oliver Street Company, Inc., of lease in effect between said corporation and Public Buildings Department of City of Boston.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room, 166 State House, on February 9, at 2.15 P.M., on petition of Trustees of Boston Metropolitan District for approval of maturities and interest rates of $1,872,000 bonds of the district, 1950, Series A.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of following expenditures by Boston Housing Authority:

North Avenue Veterans' Housing Project, $964.89, cost of relocating house.

River Street and Baker Street projects, amounts of $2,493.75 and $1,875, respectively, for additional loam.

Washington Street Veterans' Housing Project, $5,042.65, to cover cost of additional work to correct water and subsoil conditions.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH M. DUNLEA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the City Clerk,
January 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that on January 25, 1950, Joseph M. Dunlea, 26 Birchcroft road, Hyde Park, formerly employed as chief clerk in the City Clerk's office, was appointed by me to be Assistant City Clerk in place of Walter J. Malloy, who was elected City Clerk.

Respectfully,
W. J. Malloy, City Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor of James J. Mahar (referred January 23) as member of Boston Housing Authority for term expiring January 8, 1955—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. The appointment was confirmed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—19.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Cook—1.

TOLL ON VEHICLES ENTERING CITY BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to order the Law Department of the City of Boston to examine into the legality and the possibility of imposing a fee or a toll of not less than ten cents on each vehicle entering the City of Boston between the hours of 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. on any day with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays; and be it further

Ordered, That the toll stations be designated by the Street Commissioners and the Chief Engineer of the Highway Division of the Boston Public Works Department, in cooperation with the Highway Division of the State Public Works Department, and be it further

Ordered, That the revenue so derived be applied to a reduction in the real estate taxability on real estate in Boston.

The order was rejected, yeas 6, nays 12:

Yeas—Councilors Hurley, Kinsella, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—6.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, P. A. Tracy—12.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

PROPOSED VISIT BY MEMBERS OF JAPANESE DIET.

Coun. COFFEY moved that the visiting delegation of members of the Japanese Diet be excluded from the Council Chamber. The motion was carried.

On motion of Councilor Cook to reconsider the foregoing vote the motion was lost, yeas 8, nays 11:

Yeas—Councilors Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, P. A. Tracy—8.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Coffey, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—11.

Voting Present—Councilor Cantwell—1.

RECESS.

President HURLEY declared a recess at 3.10 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.11 P.M.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT HARRISON AVENUE AND EAST NEWTON STREET.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Harrison avenue and East Newton street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN VACANT LAND TO PARK DEPARTMENT FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the custody of vacant land, taken under tax title proceedings, at strategic points throughout the city, to the Park Department, to be used as playgrounds for small children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO JOHN GRANDE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Grande, father of Anthony Grande, who, on July 7, 1949, received injuries at the Eliot School playground, as a result of which injuries the said Anthony Grande died on July 9, 1949; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON WEST FIFTH STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an additional electric light on West Fifth street, between E and F streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT HUNTINGTON AND LONGWOOD AVENUES, ETC.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the intersection of Huntington avenue and Longwood avenue in Ward 10; and be it further

Ordered, That the portion of Longwood avenue from St. Alphonsus street to Huntington avenue be made one way traveling west.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENDORSEMENT OF BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby records itself as strongly endorsing the Blood Donor program of the American Red Cross; and be it further

Resolved, That all agencies of the City of Boston give every aid and assistance possible to the Massachusetts Regional Blood Center, now located on Dartmouth street, Boston, in order that this program may be a complete success.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

SPEEDY RECOVERY OF HON. THEODORE A. GLYNN.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council and attachés extend every wish for a speedy recovery to good health to the former Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston, the Hon. Theodore A. Glynn.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

HEALTH UNIT IN GREEN STREET AREA OF WARD 11.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a George Robert White Fund health unit in the Green street area of Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 11.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signals at the following intersections in Ward 11: Columbus avenue and New Heath street; Jackson square; Columbus avenue and Walnut avenue; Tower street and Washington street; and Center street and Cedar street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DETERMINATION OF ELECTION OF COUNCILOR FROM WARD 9.

Councilor Sullivan requested unanimous consent to make a statement on a point of personal privilege, and there being no objection Councilor Sullivan was permitted to speak and he concluded his remarks by offering the following order:

Ordered, That the entire body of the Boston City Council sit as a committee to determine who is the duly elected councilor from Ward 9 for the years 1950 and 1951, and that this City Councilor shall summon before it the Election Commissioners with all of the ballots cast in Ward 9 in the said City Election in November, and that they recount the same and determine which candidate received the majority of valid votes in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that they seat such person as the councilor from Ward 9 for the years 1950 and 1951.

Coun. RAMSEY in the chair.

Coun. BRYAN moved that the order lay on the table. The motion was defeated.

On motion of Councilor P. A. Tracy, the order was referred to the Executive Committee, yeas 11, nays 7:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Coffey, Farin, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—11.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Kinsella, McCormack—7.

Coun. BRYAN moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.

CONSTRUCTION OF MOTHERS' REST.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner to construct a "mothers' rest" in the abandoned streetcar reservation on Columbia road, between Hancock street and Bird street, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. SHANLEY in the chair.

SURVEY OF PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL OF BANKING INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of all protective agencies, such as Brink's, Inc., banking institutions, and other industrial organizations to ascertain how many men are employed as special officers and to immediately study the advisability of increasing the protective personnel for the safety of the citizens of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF HENRY J. GORDON, JR.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Wollaston terrace and Woodrow avenue, Dorchester, in honor of Staff Sgt. Henry J. Gordon, Jr., 445th Group, 700th Squadron of the 8th Air Force, who lost his life on June 22, 1945, while in the service of his country during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ONE-WAY STREETS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the advisability of making McLellan street, Charlotte street, Wales street, Abbot street, Vesta road, Howard street, and Floyd street one-way thoroughfares.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BICYCLE LANE IN FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of Franklin Park for a bicycle lane where children of Boston can go without being a dangerous hazard in other areas.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EQUIPMENT OF HANCOCK STREET WELFARE HEALTH UNIT.

Coun. RAMSEY and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Welfare Department be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase and place tables in the waiting room of the Hancock Street Welfare Health Unit in order that mothers bringing small children there may have the facilities of changing the children's clothes when the occasion arises.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENDICOTT TERRACE AS PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Endicott terrace in Dorchester a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION OF SECTION 56 OF CHAPTER 148 OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

Coun. BRYAN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hand down a legal opinion and interpretation of chapter 148, section 56, of the General Laws—"the Board of Street Commissioners grants licenses for open-air parking spaces," —regarding the proposed open air theaters at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, and 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-FAMILY HOUSES ON VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS PARKWAY.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take by eminent domain the vacant land at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20, and to construct two-family houses for veterans thereon, which will help to relieve the present acute housing shortage.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF COWING STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Cowing street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF HAVEY STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Havey street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGNS, MILLET AND RADCLIFFE STREETS.

Coun. FARIN and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs or blinker lights on both sides of Millet and Radcliffe streets, Wards 14 and 17, at the Harvard street intersection.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF PARK IN HONOR OF WILLIAM CARY WALSH.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the park which is to be built on Washington street, between Gallivan Boulevard and St. Gregory street in Dorchester, in honor of Gunnery Sgt. William Cary Walsh, 5th Marine Corps, 27th Regiment, who is the only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient born in Boston. He was born in Dorchester, and the medal was bestowed posthumously.

The Mayor has appropriated $50,000 for the building of this park as requested.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS ON NIXON AND DAYTON STREETS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put "No Parking" signs on the Ward 17 side of Nixon street and Dayton street, near the Shawmut Station.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, ELIOT STREET AND JAMAICAWAY.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install push-button traffic signals at the corner of Eliot street and the Jamaicaway, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF ASTICOU ROAD, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take five feet from the corner of Asticou road and St. Ann street, fifteen feet from the corner of Asticou road and Washington street, on the Roslindale side, and three feet off the sidewalk on Asticou road, from St. Ann to Washington streets, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOSEPH HOLMES, JR.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square on the Arborway, near the traffic circle, in honor of Sergt. Joseph Holmes, Jr., who was killed in action in the European theater of war in 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING GAS LAMPS WITH ELECTRICITY, OAKVIEW TERRACE.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the old gas lamps on Oakview terrace, Ward 19, with modern electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor Wenzler, the Council voted to adjourn at 6.24 P.M., to meet on Monday, February 6, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 6, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

RESIGNATION OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I have accepted the resignation of John Anthony McStowe, Jr., 622 Dorchester avenue, South Boston, as a Constable authorized to serve civil process, as of January 31, 1950.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF FRANCIS CATENACCI.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Acting Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the naming the square at the corner of Beethoven street and Washington street, Roxbury, in honor of T/Sergt. Francis Catenacci.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
January 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

As Acting Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, I acknowledge receipt of your communications of January 18, enclosing Council orders introduced by Councilor Tracy to name the junction of Ophir and Washington streets, Jamaica Plain, in honor of the late Sergt. John D. Sumpter, and to name the junction of Beethoven and Washington streets, Roxbury, in honor of the late T/Sergt. Francis Catenacci.

In connection with the above orders, I beg to advise that it was the practice of the previous committee to approve the naming of a so-called square when only one or two corners of a specific junction were taken into consideration. This procedure in the past has resulted in an accumulation of a great number of so-called squares which, in reality, are not squares but corner designations where one way enters into another. This causes not only confusion in many cases but does not do justice to the veteran whose memory is being perpetuated.

As both orders forwarded to this committee concern the naming of corners rather than actual squares which will be recognized by this committee in the future as having four corners, we are returning said orders, without action until such time as orders are submitted for square designations rather than corner designations.

It is suggested that in the future Mr. William Conway, assistant chief engineer in this department, be contacted before orders for the naming of squares are submitted, in order to ascertain, in the first instance, if locations selected are actually squares.

Sincerely yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Acting Chairman,
Committee to Memorialize Veterans.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOHN D. SUMPTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

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Sincerely yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Acting Chairman,
Committee to Memorialize Veterans.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF HENRY J. GORDON, JR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the naming the square at the corner of Wollaston terrace and Woodrow avenue, Dorchester, in honor of S/Sergt. Henry J. Gordon, Jr.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
February 2, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of February 1, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Ansel, requesting that the corner of Wollaston terrace and Woodrow avenue, Dorchester, be named in honor of S/Sergt. Henry J. Gordon, Jr., I beg to advise that the Committee to Memorialize Veterans does not consider this particular area a square and is not desirous of considering the naming of corner designations as squares either now or in the future.

If Councilor Ansel introduces another order for another location consisting of four corners which can actually be termed a square, I am quite certain the committee will act favorably on the same at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOSEPH HOLMES, JR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the naming of the square in the Arborway, near the traffic circle, in honor of Sergt. Joseph Holmes, Jr.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
February 2, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of February 1, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor McCormack, recommending the naming of the square at the Arborway, near the traffic circle, in honor of Sergt. Joseph Holmes, Jr., I beg to advise that the Arborway comes under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, and said order should be forwarded to the Park Commission for its attention.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STAMP COMMEMORATIVE OF BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transfer herewith communication from the Postmaster General relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning a stamp commemorative of the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Office of the Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.,
February 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 24 with which you enclose a resolution of the Boston City Council, requesting the provision of a commemorative stamp to mark the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

There are numerous applications on file for stamps of various subject matter, some of which have been on the agenda for several years and should receive prior consideration when planning the stamp program for 1950.

It is customary for us to issue commemorative stamps to recognize anniversaries of 50 years or multiples thereof; however, the resolution will be held in abeyance to receive every possible consideration.

Sincerely yours,
J. M. Donaldson, Postmaster General.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY HOMES ON WOOD ESTATE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the construction of one- and two-family homes on the Wood estate in Ward 17 and on a portion of the Wood estate in Ward 18.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
January 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Boston Housing Authority, at its meeting of January 25, took under consideration the order of the Boston City Council requesting the construction of one- and two-family homes on the Wood estate, and instructed me to send you the following reply:

The Wood estate is probably the last large vacant tract of land left in Boston. Sites of this type are not easy to come by. We must make the best use of the land. The only way the land could be acquired is by an eminent domain-taking. It could not be purchased.

Singles and two-family houses do not lend themselves to a low-income development. Chapter 200 specifically spells out that the housing must be low cost and low income.

The intentions of the Authority are, then, that we develop a project similar to the John Hancock — multiple units of garden apartments. This is the most practical, both from a development and a management standpoint. The Housing Authority is to rent these houses for 40 years. It seems hardly practical that we should be lessors of single homes for this period.

If we use the land on Morton street, we will put single houses on the perimeter, so that they will blend with the single homes of individual property owners in the area.

Very truly yours,
Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RENOVATION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS, WARD 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the making of such renovations as are necessary in relation to the temporary units in Ward 14, so that sickness and other distressing conditions may be averted.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
January 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Boston Housing Authority, at its meeting of January 25, took under consideration the order of the Boston City Council requesting that we make such renovations immediately as are necessary in relation to the temporary units in Ward 14, so that sickness and other distressing conditions may be avoided, and have empowered me to reply that this is the continuing policy of the Boston Housing Authority with regard to all developments, not only the temporary units in Ward 14.

If the Council means that distressing conditions are the fact that these people must live in temporary structures, please be advised that we expect to go to bid within the immediate future on approximately 850 units of veterans' housing and have in the planning stage 1,500 more units of veterans' housing.

Our goal is to ultimately get rid of these temporaries and I guess we are all agreed that they are temporaries.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY OF SKATERS ON PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the protection for the property of skaters on public playgrounds against theft of their belongings.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 30, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached order from the City Council, requesting that provision be made for more protection for the property of skaters on public playgrounds against theft of their belongings.

With regard to protection for the skaters on public playgrounds of their property we have in attendance either a custodian or a matron who, if the children so request, will check their shoes and stockings. There are times when children arrive at the playground during a lunch hour when the custodian might be off, particularly during a Sunday, and they put their shoes and stockings under a bench. They should arrange to put them in the building upon the return of the custodian.

Again several children never use the locker building to check their shoes and their stockings, and in that case we cannot be held responsible.

We try to assist in every way and we want the children to take advantage of the work we do.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner, relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the full protection for the property of skaters using public playgrounds for skating for the purpose of precluding the theft of personal property.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, January 31, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Herewith returned is order of City Council dated January 23, 1950, as follows:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Police Commissioner for full protection for the property of skaters using public playgrounds for skating for the purpose of precluding the theft of personal property such as occurred Sunday, January 22, at the Ryan Field in Sullivan square, Charlestown.

Attached is copy of report from Captain Murphy, Commanding Division 15, with reference thereto.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN, Commissioner.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, January 30, 1950.

Mr. Edward W. Fallon, Superintendent, Police Department.
Subject: City Council Order Relative to Ryan Playground.
Dear Sir:

In reference to order of the City Council requesting more protection for the property of skaters in the Sullivan Square Playground, I respectfully report as follows:

On Sunday, January 22, 1950, there was skating at the Ryan Playground. The locker house was open with an attendant present but there was no checking of personal property. Patrolman Becherer, the day route officer, visited the playground several times during the day. Patrolman T. Sullivan, whose route is across the street from the playground, on Main street, also passed by a number of times. The cruising car also covered the neighborhood. No report of a larceny at the playground was made to these officers, or to the police station, or to the attendant on duty at the locker room. There is no nced of a police officer on duty for safety reasons as the water is not more than a foot in depth.

Many of the children who use this playground come from Somerville and Everett as well as Charlestown. If the City of Boston is expected to safeguard the property of these skaters, it seems to me that arrangements should be made for checking in the locker room with a sufficient number of attendants on duty.

Respectfully submitted,
MAURICE F. MURPHY,
Captain, Division 15.

Severally placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF BLEACHERS AT MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the installation of concrete bleachers on the Mary Draper Playground in Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 30, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached City Council order, requesting the Park Commission to install concrete bleachers on the Mary Draper Playground.

I received a report from the Chief Engineer that this playground is ideally situated and is one of the fine playgrounds of the city. It is located in a natural setting with a pleasant gentle slope on the hills which allow plenty of space for those people that might want to watch athletic events.

To put bleachers in this area, even for 2,000 people, would cost a minimum of $35,000. We have not anticipated any such expenditure in this year's budget and, accordingly, I do not believe that we can erect the bleachers, but we will have this in mind for future consideration.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FLOODING OF CEYLON PLAYGROUND FOR SKATING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the advisability of flooding the Ceylon Playground for skating for young children.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 30, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your memo with attached order from the City Council requesting that con-

sideration be given to the flooding of the Ceylon Playground for skating for young children.

This playground has never been flooded for skating purposes. The ground grade pitches all in one direction toward Ceylon street, and if the playground were flooded, it would flow out onto the sidewalk and street.

We have endeavored in the past, on this playground, as well as others, to construct high earth dykes to contain the water, but without any success.

We have several skating areas in Dorchester, and of course it is not possible to flood every playground.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BICYCLE LANE, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the making of an immediate survey of Franklin Park for a bicycle lane where children of Boston can go without being a dangerous hazard in other areas.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, February 2, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure from the City Council requesting that the Park Commissioner make an immediate survey of Franklin Park for a bicycle lane where children of Boston can go without being a dangerous hazard in other areas.

An investigation will be made of this request, and consideration will be given to the erection of such a lane.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL IN FRONT OF ST. THERESA'S CHURCH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the installation of a push-button traffic signal in front of St. Theresa's Church on Centre street, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 30, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated January 23, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a Push-Button Traffic Signal in Front of St. Theresa's Church on Centre Street, Ward 20.
Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the above Council order, and to advise that at the present time there is no money provided for the installation of traffic signals. However, when funds are available, consideration will be given to this location.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT KING AND TRAIN STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop Before Entering" sign at the junction of King and Train streets, Dorchester, and that the sign be erected on King street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 30, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated January 23, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a "Stop Before Entering" Sign at the Junction of King and Train Streets, Dorchester, and That the Sign Be Erected on King Street.
Dear Sir:

The above request has been referred to our engineers for study and report, upon receipt of which I will advise you further.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PARKING IN ISLAND AREA, COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the utilizing of the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
January 30, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated January 23, 1950, Requesting the Utilization of the Island Area on Columbia Road, Dorchester, for the Parking of Automobiles.
Dear Sir:

I have requested our engineers to make a survey of the above area and, upon receipt of their report, I will advise you of their recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RESTORATION OF TOPLIFF AND QUINCY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 16, 1950, requesting that the contractors who are doing the work for the Boston Edison Company on Topliff street and Quincy street, Dorchester, Ward 15, put back in good order the streets they have dug up.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council requesting that the contractors doing the work for

the Boston Edison Company on Topliff street and Quincy street, Dorchester, put back in good order the streets they have dug up, and this is to advise you that these streets have been repaired temporarily and will be kept in good condition until such a time as permanent repairs can be made.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS ON CORNING STREET, WARD 3.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the repairing of the sidewalks on both sides of Corning street, Ward 3, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 31, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council requesting that the sidewalks be repaired on both sides of Corning street, Ward 3, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, and this is to advise you that this work will be put on the list for construction for 1950.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, NORFOLK AND TREMLETT STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning a new sidewalk in front of 26 Norfolk street, Dorchester, and to remove the red brick sidewalk on Tremlett street, Dorchester, and a new sidewalk made as the bricks are a hazard to the pedestrians.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council requesting that a new sidewalk be put in front of 26 Norfolk street, Dorchester, and to remove the red brick sidewalk on Tremlett street, Dorchester, and a new sidewalk made and this is to advise you that this work will be placed on the list for construction for 1950.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

USE OF CITY-OWNED VACANT LAND FOR PARKING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the use of all vacant land throughout the City of Boston, which is in their custody as a result of tax title proceedings, as parking spaces for automobiles.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
January 31, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Regarding your request of January 26 for consideration and report of a City Council order of January 23, 1950, requesting the use of all vacant land throughout the City of Boston which is in the custody of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners as a result of tax title proceedings, as parking spaces for automobiles, please be advised that I am having a survey made of all vacant land under the control of this department.

I shall be pleased to notify you further when said survey is completed.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF LAVATORIES IN PUBLIC RESTAURANTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of December 19, 1949, concerning the making of a survey of public restaurants not permitting men's and women's lavatories to be used by the patrons and general public.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, February 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Under date of December 19, 1949, the City Council passed the following order:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of public restaurants not permitting men's and women's lavatories to be used by patrons and general public.

In due time the matter was referred to the Health Department for action.

Enclosed is a report, in triplicate, of a survey of public eating and drinking establishments providing hand-washing and toilet facilities for patrons and employees.

I trust this information is satisfactory.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M.D., Commissioner.

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Total Number of Establishments Visited, 2,043.

Number of establishments with hand-washing facilities for patrons, 1,225; number of establishments without hand-washing facilities for patrons, 818—total, 2,043.

Number of establishments with toilet facilities for patrons, 1,172; number of establishments without toilet facilities for patrons, 871—total, 2,043.

Number of establishments with toilet facilities for employees, 2,043.

Number of establishments serving liquor, 911; number of establishments not serving liquor, 1,132—total, 2,043.

The law is mandatory in the case of toilet facilities for men and women insofar as holders of liquor licenses are concerned.

Placed on file.

BUDGET FOR 1950.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

In compliance with section 3 of the City Charter, I submit herewith my budget recommendations for the fiscal year 1950, and recommend adoption of the accompanying appropriations and tax orders.

Despite heavy overhanging financial commitments inherited by this administration, the proposed over-all budget, covering City and County Maintenance and the self-supporting Income Departments, is only $2,120,551 greater than in 1949.

This is in face of the fact that allowances for welfare and soldiers' relief are exactly $2,000,000 greater than in 1949; that $2,576,800 must be provided to meet the increased expenses of salary raises granted last July first and in effect for the full twelve months of this year; and that it is necessary to allow $175,000 for higher pensions.

Those three items of expense alone necessitated increased appropriations of $4,651,800.

Except for the staggering obligations to which the city was committed prior to the start of this administration, it would have been possible to reduce the city's 1950 budget below the appropriation figures for last year.

The grand total of the appropriations recommended for City Maintenance, County Maintenance, and Income Departments for this year is $88,406,024.37, as compared to $86,285,473 in 1949.

Of course, the appropriation for the self-supporting Income Departments is met from their revenue and not from the tax rate, and the amount which would have to be raised by taxes this year is $84,468,744.50, as against a comparable figure of $82,267,682.08 last year.

In my opinion, this is the minimum amount with which the departments, which comprise the city and county governments, can function properly and furnish the necessary and essential public services.

Substantial reductions were made in the appropriations recommended for the city departments. Close to $9,000,000 has been slashed from the estimates submitted by department heads as to the amounts of money they would need to operate their branches of the city and county governments.

In view of the urgent need for eliminating all but the most essential expenses to prevent a big jump in our tax rate, I am asking for the cooperation of county, as well as city, department heads to achieve an economical and efficient conduct of the city's business.

Some activities and undertakings which might well be desirable under ordinary circumstances will have to be postponed until the city is better able to afford them.

Adequate allowances have been made, in my judgment, to furnish the essential public services to the citizens of our city, to provide for the protection of their safety, their health, and their well-being, to care for our poor, and to operate properly our hospitals and institutions.

Because of the financial problems facing our city, however, it is unable to afford any unnecessary expenses which would impose an unfair burden upon the owners of homes and business property.

Even with the tremendous overhanging commitments which this administration was obliged to meet, the factors which can be considered to come within the control of the Mayor and the City Council will cause an increase of about $1.50 on our tax rate.

It should be pointed out, however, that a sizable increase in the tax rate, not reflected in this budget, will be made unavoidable by factors over which the Mayor and City Council have no jurisdiction, such as the MTA deficit, the overlay deficit, debt requirements, and reduced assessed valuations of taxable property resulting from the abatements granted before I took office.

More detailed information concerning this budget is contained in a report from the Budget Commissioner which is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Budget Department, February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Sir:

I submit herewith a detailed analysis of the 1950 budget recommendations for City Maintenance, County Maintenance, and Income Departments, which are to be forwarded by you to the City Council on Monday, February 6, 1950.

The classifications in the budget document for 1950 conform, as nearly as local conditions will permit, to the specifications as set forth by the Bureau of the Census for classifying statistics on government finances. This form of classification is also recommended by the Finance Commission Survey, and if adopted nationally will develop valuable statistical knowledge about American cities.

This budget is not a complete financial plan for the City of Boston, since statutory restrictions make it impossible to include the other elements entering into the financial picture, such as School Budget, Debt Requirements, State Assessments, etc. However, it does contain the annual requirements for the city and county departments for the current fiscal year.

The budget is divided into three parts as follows:

PART ONE contains the Mayor's message and two summaries each for City Maintenance, County Maintenance, and Income Departments. The first set of summaries compares the 1949 appropriations with the 1950 allowances by function and department organization units. The second set of summaries compares the 1949 appropriations with the 1950 allowances by function, department organization units, and object.

PART TWO contains the segregated detail of the allowances for City Maintenance, County Maintenance, and Income Departments by function, organization units, and object, with tabulated columns showing the 1948 expenditures, the 1949 appropriations, the 1949 actual expenditures, and the 1950 allowances.

PART THREE contains the appropriation and tax orders for action by the City Council.

The following table indicates in comparative form the appropriations by divisions for this year and last:

	1949	1950
CITY MAINTENANCE	$76,918,460 37	$78,887,850 52
COUNTY MAINTENANCE	5,349,221 71	5,580,893 98
TOTAL	$82,267,682 08	$84,468,744 50
INCOME DEPARTMENTS	4,017,790 92	3,937,279 87
GRAND TOTAL	$86,285,473 00	$88,406,024 37

The grand total of the recommendations for the year 1950 is $88,406,024.37. This represents an increase of $2,120,551.37 over the total appropriations for the year 1949. The total of the estimates submitted by all departments was approximately $11,000,000 in excess of the total appropriations for 1949. This excess has been reduced by slightly less than $9,000,000.

CITY MAINTENANCE.

The amounts recommended for City Maintenance total $78,887,850.52. This total represents a reduction of approximately $7,700,000 in the estimates as originally submitted by department heads, and is $1,969,390.15 greater than the total appropriations for 1949, as shown in the following tabulation:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.

CITY MAINTENANCE.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.	Increase.
A. Personal Service			
Permanent Employees	$38,222,119 61	$40,833,677 74	
Temporary Employees	1,125,053 79	553,751 44	
Unassigned	611,250 00	636,700 00	
Total A	$39,958,423 40	$42,024,129 18	$2,065,705 78
B. Contractual Services	7,439,716 71	7,495,317 23	55,600 52
C. Equipment	1,880,944 73	1,487,520 00	393,424 73*
D. Supplies	4,447,341 41	4,239,152 40	208,189 01*
E. Materials	576,896 00	523,494 30	53,401 70*
F. Special Items			
General Relief	3,375,000 00	4,600,000 00	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,675,000 00	3,900,000 00	
Old Age Assistance	8,000,000 00	8,500,000 00	
Veterans' Relief	900,000 00	950,000 00	
Unclassified	28,600 00	35,150 00	
Total F	$15,978,600 00	$17,985,150 00	2,006,550 00
G. Incidentals	25,570 00	21,645 00	3,925 00*
Special Appropriations			
Snow Removal	325,000 00	400,000 00	
Bridges, Repairs	250,000 00	350,000 00	
Reserve Fund	375,000 00	300,000 00	
Long Island Hospital Special Improvements	350,000 00	275,000 00	
Executions of Court, etc.	—	235,000 00	
Public Ways, Construction of	159,000 00	160,500 00	
Park and Playground Improvements	200,000 00	100,000 00	
Workmen's Compensation	71,900 00	74,600 00	
Pensions and Annuities	2,295,491 56	2,423,131 19	
Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	39,000 00	40,400 00	
Public Celebrations	88,860 00	84,700 00	
Unclassified	2,456,716 56	668,111 22	
Total Special Appropriations	$6,610,968 12	$5,111,442 41	1,499,525 71*
Grand Total	$76,918,460 37	$78,887,850 52	$1,969,390 15

* Denotes decrease

This increase of $1,969,390.15 over the total appropriations for 1949 for City Maintenance reflects, as can be seen by a study of the above table, drastic reductions in all budget items. It is expected, therefore, that each department head will cooperate to the fullest extent in operating his individual department as efficiently as possible, so that expenditures will not exceed the budget allowances, and to do this without curtailing the necessary services to which the public is entitled.

If the following mandatory amounts did not have to be provided in this year's budget, there would be a substantial reduction over the 1949 appropriations for City Maintenance.

$2,250,000	This amount is necessary to provide the other half-year for the general increase of $300 granted to city employees effective in 1949 from July first.
175,000	This sum is necessary to provide a full year for the increase in pensions granted in 1949.
110,000	This sum is necessary to provide for the expense of an additional contract district established in 1949 for removal and disposal of waste.
55,000	Thirty thousand dollars of this sum is necessary to provide the Police Department with funds for typing and mailing parking violation notices, as a result of recent legislation, and twenty-five thousand dollars to pay the overtime to policemen for the extra state election function and anticipated overtime due to the Boston Jubilee and parades.
30,000	This sum is necessary to provide for two election functions this year, as compared with one last year, necessitating increased costs for printing voting lists, renting polling places, etc.
25,000	This amount is necessary to provide for contemplated improvements in lighting the city streets.
$2,645,000	

This year's budget contains an increased appropriation for the Budget Department, which will enable it to take the initial steps toward reorganization, in accordance with the Mayor's plan as outlined in the inaugural message. It will also permit the Budget Department to undertake a revision of the classification of accounts, in existence since the establishment of the segregated budget system in 1916, and which has been recommended in the Finance Commission Survey of the financial administration of the city.

A new Automotive Division has been established by the Commissioner of Public Works, which will group under one division head all the expenses in connection with the motor vehicles of the Public Works Department, which were formerly scattered over the various divisions. There is no doubt that this arrangement will eventually amount to substantial savings to the city.

The case loads in both the Welfare Department and the Department of Veterans' Services are continually increasing. This budget provides for an increase of $2,000,000 in excess of the amount provided in 1949 for these purposes. This is a substantial increase, but the city is obliged to take care of its poor, its needy, its underprivileged, and its veterans.

This budget also contains a so-called down payment of $160,500 as a prerequisite for the borrowing for Construction of Public Ways. Good streets are absolutely essential for the proper movement of traffic.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

The amounts recommended for County Maintenance total $5,580,893.98. This total represents a reduction of approximately $300,000 in the estimates as originally submitted by county officials, and is $231,672.27 greater than the total appropriations for 1949, as shown in the following tabulation:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.
COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.	Increase.
A. Personal Service			
Permanent Employees	$3,802,530 98	$4,042,856 88	$240,325 90
Temporary Employees	66,855 79	56,369 16	10,486 63*
Unassigned	2,000 00	6,350 00	4,350 00
Total A	$3,871,386 77	$4,105,576 04	$234,189 27
B. Contractual Services	667,684 05	709,312 34	41,628 29
C. Equipment	96,507 65	78,862 00	17,645 65*
D. Supplies	505,700 00	462,855 00	42,845 00*
E. Materials	38,630 00	38,285 00	345 00*
F. Special Items	700 00	700 00	
Special Appropriations			
Jail Improvements	70,000 00	26,000 00	44,000 00*
House of Correction Special Improvements		15,000 00	15,000 00
Middlesex County Training School		50,000 00	50,000 00
Social Law Library	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Pensions and Annuities	92,613 24	93,303 60	690 36
Contingent Fund	5,000 00		5,000 00*
	$5,349,221 71	$5,580,893 98	$231,672 27

*Denotes Decrease

The county budget has been reduced to the lowest possible minimum consistent with the services required, and, while the items which have been eliminated are important, it is felt that they can be postponed for another year at least.

Following is a list of the amounts and the reasons for the allowances which have been increased over the 1949 appropriations:

$134,700	This amount is necessary to provide the other half year for the general increase of $300 granted to county employees effective in 1949 from July first.
100,000	This amount is necessary to provide for statutory increases to county officials and employees.
16,000	This amount is necessary to provide for step-rate increases.
27,000	This amount is necessary because of the increase in the pay for jurors from $6 to $8 per day.
18,000	This amount is necessary because of the increase in witness fees from $1.50 to $3 per day.
16,000	This amount is necessary to allow the Probate Court to print a consolidated index for sale to the public, the preliminary work for which was begun in 1949.
12,000	This amount is necessary for the rental of water furnished Deer Island by the town of Winthrop because of the lack of pressure in the regular city water mains.
26,000	This amount is necessary to provide sufficient funds for the completion of the reconstruction of the roof at the Suffolk County Jail.
$349,700	

While the above sum of $349,700 is in excess of the net increase in County Maintenance, reductions have been made in other budget items which have offset it.

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

The amounts recommended for the Income Departments, which are self-supporting and do not require appropriations on the tax levy, total $3,937,279.87. This total represents a reduction of approximately $400,000 in the estimates as originally submitted by department heads, and is $80,511.05 less than the total appropriations for 1949, as shown in the following tabulation:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.
INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.	Decrease.
A. Personal Service			
Permanent Employees	$2,153,226 63	$2,251,210 54	
Temporary Employees	75,350 00	30,000 00	
Unassigned	33,500 00	73,000 00	
	$2,262,076 63	$2,354,210 54	$92,133 91*

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.	Decrease.
B. Contractual Services	$743,693 00	$696,091 00	$47,602 00
C. Equipment	277,388 00	187,854 00	89,534 00
D. Supplies	69,800 00	65,875 00	3,925 00
E. Materials	237,252 50	215,715 00	21,537 50
F. Special Items	77,580 79	67,534 33	10,046 46
G. Incidentals	200,000 00	200,000 00	
Departmental Office Supplies and Postage	150,000 00	150,000 00	
	$4,017,790 92	$3,937,279 87	$80,511 05

* Denotes Increase

The increase of $92,133.91 for Personal Service, as shown in the above table, is to provide for the amount necessary for the other half of the year for the general increase of $300 granted to all employees effective in 1949 from July first. This increase, however, has been offset by reductions in all the other items in the Income Department budgets, and the Income Departments show a total reduction of $80,511.05. The increase in the Unassigned item, as indicated in the above table, is due to the fact that the proportionate share of the new Automotive Division is reflected in this item.

Respectfully,
John A. Sullivan, Budget Commissioner.

CITY MAINTENANCE.
SUMMARY
BY FUNCTION AND ORGANIZATION UNITS.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.
General Government.		
Mayor, Office Expenses	$130,700 00	$123,856 00
City Council	140,231 00	150,246 00
City Council Proceedings	16,000 00	16,200 00
Election Department	414,365 59	420,682 93
Auditing Department	150,539 75	165,027 61
Central Payroll Division	42,908 99	48,022 46
Budget Department	20,183 30	41,211 00
Assessing Department	559,073 10	540,410 48
Collecting Department	197,239 94	193,445 39
Treasury Department	160,805 50	169,160 12
Bond Allotment Plan	—	48,000 00
Supply Department	92,763 28	96,064 16
Sinking Funds Department	5,975 00	3,725 00
Law Department	275,208 25	416,021 61
City Clerk Department	78,776 03	79,882 12
City Documents	29,000 00	28,000 00
Registry Department	122,677 17	116,340 92
Statistics Department	24,745 00	23,725 00
City Planning Board	36,752 28	40,138 15
Board of Zoning Adjustment	—	700 00
Public Buildings Department	1,022,284 00	964,009 90
Boston Retirement Board	35,714 71	36,383 74
State-Boston Retirement System, Expense Fund	44,216 56	48,238 61
Finance Commission	60,000 00	60,000 00
Administrative Survey	50,000 00	—
Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	39,000 00	40,400 00
Public Celebrations	88,860 00	84,700 00
Public Works, Central Office	42,419 41	48,564 00
Workmen's Compensation Service	25,000 00	26,259 60
Municipal Employment Bureau	27,909 20	23,346 00
Art Department	1,895 00	2,470 00
Board of Real Estate Commissioners	75,412 96	73,262 15
Houghton and Dutton Roof Repairs	12,000 00	—
Total	$4,022,656 02	$4,128,492 95
Public Safety.		
Police Department	$9,756,171 69	$10,238,533 00
Fire Department	8,537,691 00	8,563,005 00
Electrical Inspection Division	130,693 57	135,062 38
Building Department	389,500 20	378,911 02
Unsafe Buildings, Removal, etc.	30,000 00	—
Board of Appeal	19,713 70	22,513 70
Board of Examiners	6,613 40	6,788 40
Weights and Measures Department	78,643 96	76,582 00
Licensing Board	88,316 00	89,172 00
Total	$19,037,343 52	$19,510,567 50
Highways.		
Bridge Service	$756,322 77	$784,134 97
Bridges, Repairs	250,000 00	350,000 00
Charlesgate West Bridge, Repairs	70,000 00	—
Paving Service	1,448,391 00	1,244,484 00
Reconstruction of Streets	500,000 00	200,000 00
Sidewalks, Construction of	100,000 00	50,000 00
Public Ways, Construction of	159,000 00	160,500 00
Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways	38,000 00	90,000 00
Street Signs	25,000 00	5,000 00
Automotive Division	—	456,996 00
Street Laying-Out Department	195,108 86	206,648 13
Lighting Service	1,158,078 00	1,162,460 86
Boston Traffic Commission	443,022 18	489,633 29
Snow Removal	325,000 00	400,000 00
Total	$5,467,922 81	$5,599,857 25

Sanitation.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.
Sewer Service	$734,842 55	$719,242 90
Sewerage Works	159,000 00	—
Sanitary Service	5,363,423 60	5,153,863 00
Total	$6,257,266 15	$5,873,105 90

Health.

Health Department	$1,363,878 00	$1,441,208 00
Federal Public Health Program	45,000 00	45,980 00
Total	$1,408,878 00	$1,487,188 00

Hospitals.

Hospital Department	$8,947,925 00	$9,381,100 00
Alterations and Repairs	270,000 00	—
Sanatorium Division	1,790,340 00	1,840,155 00
Alterations and Repairs	150,000 00	75,000 00
Long Island Hospital	1,315,110 00	1,410,435 00
Special Improvements	350,000 00	275,000 00
Long Island Viaduct	159,000 00	—
Eastern Avenue Wharf	16,643 03	17,167 44
Steamers	140,518 68	111,770 00
Total	$13,139,536 71	$13,110,627 44

Public Welfare.

Public Welfare Department		
Central Office	$16,434,835 30	$18,288,952 50
Temporary Home	42,842 09	41,511 38
Wayfarers' Lodge	39,453 33	31,649 00
Institutions Department		
Central Office	69,178 56	73,132 09
Child Welfare Division	637,825 90	632,786 19
Department of Veterans' Services	1,145,073 84	1,187,820 50
Total	$18,369,209 02	$20,255,851 66

Libraries.

Library Department	$2,501,855 00	$2,579,527 00

Recreation.

Park Department	$2,383,990 00	$2,439,184 00
Park and Playground Improvements	200,000 00	100,000 00
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	30,000 00	20,000 00
Gallivan Boulevard and Washington Street Playground	—	50,000 00
Muddy River, Dredging of	—	35,000 00
Board of Recreation	—	10,000 00
North Bennet Street Building, Restoration of	75,000 00	—
Total	$2,688,990 00	$2,654,184 00

Public Service Enterprises.

Ferry Service	$381,166 74	$380,046 47
Boston Housing Authority	27,000 00	25,000 00
Market Division	27,910 84	28,195 94
Cemetery Division	198,834 00	209,044 00
Fairview Cemetery, Extension of	8,000 00	—
Total	$642,911 58	$642,286 41

Unclassified.

Reserve Fund	$375,000 00	$300,000 00
Construction of Buildings	159,000 00	—
Workmen's Compensation	71,900 00	74,600 00
Pensions and Annuities	2,295,491 56	2,423,131 19
Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements	—	235,000 00
Contingent Fund	475,000 00	—
Care of Veterans' Graves	—	13,431 22
Canal Street Property, Boiler Repairs	5,500 00	—
Total	$3,381,891 56	$3,046,162 41

RECAPITULATION.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$4,022,656 02	$4,128,492 95
PUBLIC SAFETY	19,037,343 52	19,510,567 50
HIGHWAYS	5,467,922 81	5,599,857 25
SANITATION	6,257,266 15	5,873,105 90
HEALTH	1,408,878 00	1,487,188 00
HOSPITALS	13,139,536 71	13,110,627 44
PUBLIC WELFARE	18,369,209 02	20,255,851 66
LIBRARIES	2,501,855 00	2,579,527 00
RECREATION	2,688,990 00	2,654,184 00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	642,911 58	642,286 41
UNCLASSIFIED	3,381,891 56	3,046,162 41
GRAND TOTAL	$76,918,460 37	$78,887,850 52

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

SUMMARY

BY FUNCTION AND ORGANIZATION UNITS.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.
General Government.		
Auditing Department	$30,074 92	$28,772 67
Budget Department	20,699 66	25,008 87
Collecting Department	700 00	700 00
Treasury Department	6,225 86	6,620 30
Registry of Deeds	332,111 85	352,084 54
Index Commissioners	36,756 76	39,599 70
County Courthouse, Custodian	535,866 40	524,866 23
County Buildings Department	173,969 80	163,599 68
Total	$1,136,405 25	$1,141,251 99
Correction.		
Jail	$337,304 60	$356,504 72
Sheriff, Miscellaneous Expenses	5,475 00	7,675 00
Jail Improvements	70,000 00	26,000 00
Penal Institutions Department:		
Central Office	62,048 58	65,227 99
House of Correction	757,628 06	723,009 77
Special Improvements	—	15,000 00
Total	$1,232,456 24	$1,193,417 48
Central Courts.		
Supreme Judicial Court	$65,983 04	$68,550 84
Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses	507,460 00	578,494 25
Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office	284,884 31	300,794 51
Superior Court, Criminal Session	606,849 48	653,309 17
Municipal Court, City of Boston	648,853 84	666,276 00
Boston Juvenile Court	59,407 47	68,521 33
Probate Court	61,067 67	65,756 00
Total	$2,234,505 81	$2,401,702 10
District Courts.		
Charlestown	$47,806 00	$50,597 38
East Boston	46,793 62	52,158 05
South Boston	55,068 16	60,116 75
Dorchester	69,128 65	81,926 05
Roxbury	163,548 49	173,725 84
West Roxbury	56,857 50	62,192 50
Brighton	38,374 04	42,884 04
Chelsea	59,005 79	63,240 17
Total	$536,582 25	$586,840 78
Medical Examinations.		
Medical Examiner, Northern Division	$34,939 64	$36,242 75
Medical Examiner, Southern Division	24,344 28	25,050 28
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern Division	3,562 50	3,532 50
Associate Medical Examiner, Southern Division	3,727 50	3,377 50
Total	$66,573 92	$68,203 03
Unclassified.		
Insanity Cases	$45,185 00	$45,175 00
Middlesex County Training School	—	50,000 00
Pensions and Annuities	91,513 24	93,303 60
Social Law Library	1,000 00	1,000 00
Contingent	5,000 00	—
Total	$142,698 24	$189,478 60

RECAPITULATION.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$1,136,405 25	$1,141,251 99
CORRECTION	1,232,456 24	1,193,417 48
CENTRAL COURTS	2,234,505 81	2,401,702 10
DISTRICT COURTS	536,582 25	586,840 78
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS	66,573 92	68,203 03
UNCLASSIFIED	142,698 24	189,478 60
GRAND TOTAL	$5,349,221 71	$5,580,893 98

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

SUMMARY

BY FUNCTION AND ORGANIZATION UNITS.

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES.

	1949 Appropriation.	1950 Allowance.
Printing Department	$686,446 92	$684,484 00
Departmental Office Supplies and Postage	150,000 00	150,000 00
City Record, Publication of	46,490 00	46,432 00
Public Works Department, Water Division	2,351,644 00	2,355,825 00
Sumner Tunnel	537,670 17	476,329 90
Collecting Department, Water Division	194,009 04	177,774 64
Pensions and Annuities	48,030 79	46,434 33
Workmen's Compensation	3,500 00	—
Total	$4,017,790 92	$3,937,279 87

RECAPITULATION.

CITY MAINTENANCE	$76,918,460 37	$78,887,850 52
COUNTY MAINTENANCE	5,349,221 71	5,580,893 98
TOTAL	$82,267,682 08	$84,468,744 50
INCOME DEPARTMENTS	4,017,790 92	3,937,279 87
GRAND TOTAL	$86,285,473 00	$88,406,024 37

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1950.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1950, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriation for Water Service, current expenses, and the payment to the state, under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements or for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department income and any excess over income from taxes; and the appropriation for the *City Record* be met by the income of said publication and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for the Sumner Traffic Tunnel be met by the income from tolls and any excess over income from taxes, in accordance with the provisions of section 11, chapter 297, of the Acts of 1929, as amended by chapter 74 of the Acts of 1935; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on December 31, 1949, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust, or special appropriation; by the income of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950; by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston; and by the proceeds of any duly authorized loans.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1950, or for any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, shall be due and payable on July first of each year. Interest shall be charged at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and computed from October first, 1950, on all real estate and personal property taxes remaining unpaid after November first, 1950, and assessed and payable in the year 1950 before said November first, 1950, until such taxes are paid. All interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Ordered, That except as the appropriation for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or transfers lawfully made, no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear March 6, 1950:

James F. Hickey, Ward 1; Joseph Palmer, Ward 3; Abraham Shapiro, Ward 3; Channing Moffitt, Ward 4; Gordon Wheaton, Ward 4; Robert Truedale, Ward 5; Alvin L. Ramsdell, Ward 5; Stevens C. Charnelis, Ward 6; Edward F. Jackson, Ward 6; Leslie W. Young, Ward 6; John T. Lally, Ward 7; Andrew Yanoolis, Ward 7; Harry Egleston, Ward 8; Paul R. Muir, Ward 8; Eugene G. Egan, Ward 10; Joseph C. Wildberger, Ward 10; Horace M. Gilson, Ward 11; Joseph V. Madden, Ward 11; Robert E. Wright, Ward 12; Ernest Bergstrom, Ward 13; James J. Burke, Ward 13; Max Mendelsohn, Ward 14; Joseph Revis, Ward 14; Harry Yorra, Ward 14; Francis P. Doherty, Ward 15; Philip E. Doyle, Ward 15; David W. Branch, Ward 17; Thomas F. Keenan, Ward 17; Richard C. Smith, Ward 17; John D. Keese, Jr., Ward 18; John Peckham, Ward 18; George W. Frame, Ward 19; Frank E. Hawley, Ward 19; Thomas M. Drews, Ward 20; Ernest S. Post, Ward 20; Joseph F. Shamon, Ward 20; Malcolm Stuart, Ward 21; Charles Blackburn, Ward 21; Alfred Guilbeault, Ward 21; George H. Hermanson, Ward 21; Michael J. Riccio, Ward 22.

One hundred fifty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear March 6, 1950:

Walter Flynn, Ward 1; William J. Hartery, Ward 1; Louis Lino, Ward 1; John Orlando, Ward 1; Eugene F. Ryan, Ward 1; Robert J. Saunders, Ward 1; Frank R. Scire, Ward 1; George L. Shelton, Ward 1; David Terry, Ward 1; Anthony Ventresca, Ward 1; Francis Vioira, Ward 1; Henry J. Whalen Ward 1; Timothy F. Ahern Ward 2; Albert W. Carlson, Ward 2; George W. Heckley, Ward 2; Thomas F. Leary, Jr., Ward 2;

Francis B. Long, Ward 2; William A. Maisey, Jr., Ward 2; Thomas E. White, Ward 2; Jacob Braines, Ward 3; Edward A. Brewster, Ward 3; Angelo Christopher, Ward 3; Burpee G. Crowell, Ward 3; Edward Malagadi, Ward 3; Christoforo A. Polcari, Ward 3; William Rapaport, Ward 3; John A. Brice, Jr., Ward 4; Herbert M. Jones, Ward 4; George D. Kacavas, Ward 4; Walter Mills, Ward 4; Milton Mulherion, Ward 4; William H. Pierce, Ward 4; Aldo Bertoli, Ward 5; Harry Grayson, Ward 5; Lawrence Greaves, Ward 5; James A. Moffat, Ward 5; Woodrow W. Pierce, Ward 5; Bruno Raczkowski, Ward 5; Harold J. Stidham, Ward 5; Alfred J. Vardaro, Ward 5; Walter J. Davis, Ward 6; John James Garvey, Ward 6; Frederick J. Jarrett, Ward 6; Willis C. O'Brien, Ward 6; John J. Eastman, Ward 7; Leo Federici, Ward 7; Eric W. Hanson, Ward 7; George R. Kilman, Jr., Ward 7; Joseph L. Mulkern, Ward 7; William E. Timm, Ward 7; Malcolm Yorke, Ward 7; Edward W. Hazlett, Ward 8; Thomas A. Reade, Ward 8; Frank Cartolano, Jr., Ward 9; Leslie Corey, Ward 9; Leonard J. Grasso, Ward 9; Francis Jones, Ward 9; James E. Jones, Ward 9; Warren C. Moyer, Ward 9; Stanley Wodkorski, Ward 9.

William Donovan, Ward 10; Arthur E. Durkin, Ward 10; Christopher J. Fay, Ward 10; William E. Ferguson, Ward 10; Charles Gibbons, Ward 10; Robert L. Gibson, Ward 10; Bernard J. Kennedy, Ward 10; James McLoughlin, Ward 10; William L. Noonan, Ward 10; George I. Paderson, Ward 10; John J. Schlitz, Ward 10; Bernard S. Allen, Ward 11; Benjamin Begee, Ward 11; John H. Dillon, Ward 11; James M. Faulkner, Ward 11; Philip Kelly, Ward 11; Frederick J. McCarthy, Ward 11; Albert M. Sheedy, Ward 11; Orrin S. Bradbury, Ward 12; Barnard Dricker, Ward 12; Abraham Glazer, Ward 12; Victor T. Goldberg, Ward 12; Harold F. Roberts, Ward 12; Louis Sidney Thrash, Ward 12; William F. Callaban, Ward13; John J. Hickey, Ward 13; John J. McDonough, Ward 13; Charles P. Putnam, Ward 13; Nathan J. Stone, Ward 13; Frank L. Wilson, Ward 13; John Canny, Ward 14; Harry A. Furman, Ward 14; Nathan Goodman, Ward 14; Samuel S. Kligerman, Ward 14; Joseph Richmond, Ward 14; Frank P. Ripaldi, Ward 14; Harold A. Rosenberg, Ward 14; Sidney Seligman, Ward 14; Harry Singer, Ward 14; Harry Trusten, Ward 14; John H. Watson, Ward 14; Harry Weinbaum, Ward 14; Joseph A. Bergen, Ward 15; Alfred J. LaBollita, Ward 15.

John M. Cotter, Ward 16; Edwin F. Ford, Ward 16; Ralph N. Hall, Ward 16; Paul F. McCarthy, Ward 16; Edward J. Reavey, Ward 16; James D. Reilly, Ward 16; Walter Allen Stanley, Ward 16; Edward H. Bryant, Ward 17; David Harrison, Ward 17; Thomas E. Lawless, Ward 17; John R. MacDonald, Ward 17; Philip Rosen, Ward 17; Thomas F. Stanton, Ward 17; Joseph Weinrebe, Ward 17; Barnaby F. Anthony, Ward 18; Charles Capobianco, Ward 18; Paul Charron, Ward 18; Aristide Demers, Ward 18; William A. Hackett, Ward 18; Robert E. Jacob, Ward 18; James D. O'Neil, Ward 18; Robert O'C. Smith, Ward 18; Edward F. Sweeney, Ward 18; Thomas F. Donahue, Ward 19; Charles H. Watson, Ward 19; Paul Anastasi, Ward 20; William K. Beattie, Ward 20; Frank S. Bott, Ward 20; Thomas A. Connolly, Ward 20; Elliott Walker Engstrom, Ward 20; John Giennetti, Ward 20; James L. Maber, Ward 20; Harold E. Moulton, Ward 20; Charles W. Mutz, Ward 20; Alexander P. Parker, Ward 20; John J. Sherry, Ward 20; Charles D. Varnerin, Ward 20; Richard Wilson, Ward 20; Frank L. Ahearn, Ward 21; Francis W. Harvey, Ward 21; Harry S. Hutchins, Jr., Ward 21; Edwin S. Pickert, Ward 21; Frederick L. Robinson, Ward 21, Harry Tillot, Ward 21; William F. Attridge, Ward 22; Edmund L. Browne, Ward 22; Alfred D. DeRocco, Ward 22; Alton B. Forshner, Ward 22; Thomas Keaveny, Ward 22; Julian A. Marzinski, Ward 22; John T. Ridge, Ward 22; Thomas L. Tangney, Ward 22; Walter C. Woodworth, Ward 22.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward Ambrogne, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

B. Earle Appleton, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Joseph W. Bergin, for compensation for damage to car by snow falling from roof of Old State House.

Walter J. Bird, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Hyman Bornstein, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 845A Blue Hill avenue.

Hugh P. Doherty, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John Druker and Son, agents, for compensation for damage to property at 11 to 15 Kneeland street, caused by broken water main.

Walter L. Farrell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Wendell C. Frenier, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Louis Guaragna, for compensation for damage to taxicab by fire apparatus.

John M. Harrington, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Thomas R. H. MacGregor, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Marinucci Brothers and Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

George J. Mathi, for compensation for damage to car by city sanding machine.

Helen McGrath, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3 Lovedeed court.

J. A. Montgomery, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Raymond A. Padula, for compensation for loss of sweater while a patient at City Hospital.

Giuseppe Polsonetti, for compensation for damage to property at 34 Frankfort street, caused by blockage of sewer.

George J. Raffoul, for compensation for damage to property at 21 Decatur street, caused by defective water pipes.

Joseph Reardon, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Florence Sofnas, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wyoming street, Roxbury.

Universal Textile Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 168 South street, caused by bursting of water pipe.

DELIVERY OF JUNIOR AERIAL FOR ENGINE 51, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the delivery of the junior aerial to Engine 51 in Brighton because of the great necessity of this piece of apparatus for the safety of all the people in that district.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, February 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Your Honor:

With reference to the City Council order of January 9, 1950, requesting that the junior aerial be delivered to Engine 51 in Brighton, we wish to advise you as follows:

The only junior aerial on order has been earmarked for Ladder 6 by the Chief of the Department.

However, the Chief of the Department is forming a ladder company to be installed in Engine 51, and a good ladder truck will be consigned to said company in the very near future.

We are certain that this will be satisfactory for the safety of the public of the district.

Respectfully yours,
Michael T. Kelleher, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement:

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, February 18, 25, and March 4.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention, that hearing had been held on appeal of Cornelius B. Kennedy from action of Board in granting license to Texas Oil Company for keeping, storage, and sale of gasoline, waste oil, and grease, at 13 Bowdoin street, Dorchester, and that the appeal had been dismissed.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held in its hearing room on Monday, February 27 at 10 A.M., on petition of Boston and Maine Transportation Company for certificate of public convenience and necessity for operation of motor vehicles between state line in town of Tyngsboro and Park square in city of Boston.

Placed on file.

BOND OF INDEMNITY.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan District Commission transmitting bond of indemnity of the Beacon Piping Company for constructing steam main between Chestnut Hill Pumping Stations Nos. 1 and 2 at Chestnut Hill (Contract No. 166).

The bond was filed with the City Auditor, and the communication was placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

Edmund J. Burke, 60 Addington road, West Roxbury, as principal assessor, for term ending March 31, 1953, *vice* Charles McGillvary, term expired.

A. Joseph Freno, 112 Sanborn avenue, West Roxbury, member of Board of Street Commissioners, for period ending January 7, 1952.

Stuart C. Rand, 15 River street, to be trustee of City Hospital, for term ending April 30, 1951, *vice* Mary Moore Beatty, M.D., resigned.

Severally placed on file.

BORROWING CAPACITY OF CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds,
February 1, 1950.

William F. Hurley,
President, Boston City Council.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 93, Acts of 1891, chapter 267, Special Acts of 1916, and chapter 225, Acts of 1931, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year within the debt limit established by law is $5,869,849.11, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM B. CAROLAN,
GEORGE HANSEN,
JOHN O. STUBBS,
PAUL F. CLARK,
Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.
CHARLES J. FOX,
City Auditor.
THOMAS F. WHITE,
City Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK DEBT AND SINKING FUNDS.
DEBT INCURRING POWER IN 1950.

Total debt incurring power within the debt limit (2½ per cent of $1,507,628,160, the average assessed valuation for three years, less abatements)			$37,690,704 00
Debt incurred:			
Total funded debt		$150,936,500 00	
Funded debt outside the debt limit (debt exempted from the operation of the law limiting municipal indebtedness):			
City debt	$28,963,000 00		
Traffic Tunnel debt	19,550,000 00		
Traffic Tunnel retirement debt	16,045,000 00		
County debt	836,000 00		
Rapid Transit debt	53,748,500 00		
	$119,142,500 00		
Funded debt for Public Works Administration projects, issued under authority of chapter 366, Acts of 1933, as amended by chapter 21, Acts of 1934	2,252,000 00		
		121,394,500 00	
Funded debt within the debt limit		$29,542,000 00	
Offsets to funded debt:			
Sinking funds	$75,494,064 07		
Less sinking funds for debt outside the debt limit:			
City	—		
Rapid Transit	$53,744,500 09		
Traffic Tunnel	19,236,438 57		
Traffic Tunnel retirement	2,069,980 30		
		75,050,918 96	
Offsets to funded debt within the debt limit		443,145 11	
Net indebtedness within the debt limit, December 31, 1949		$29,098,854 89	
Loans authorized but not issued (within the debt limit)		8,450,000 00	
Used debt incurring power within the debt limit			37,548,854 89
Unused debt incurring power within the debt limit, January 1, 1950			$141,849 11
Estimated increase during the year by serial bonds redeemable during year			5,728,000 00
Estimated amount of indebtedness that may legally be incurred within the debt limit during the municipal year			$5,869,849 11

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Leo P. Conlon, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on appointment by the Mayor of Wilfred J. Doyle (referred January 30) to be member of Boston Retirement Board for term ending Septemher 30, 1952—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and tbe question came on confirmation. The Clerk called the roll, and the appointment was confirmed, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

Nays—0.

2. Report on appointments hy the Mayor (referred January 30) of list of Constahles without authority to serve civil process and to serve without bond, for term cnding April 30, 1950—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Sbanley. Whole numher of ballots 17, yeas 17, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for tbe Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred October 17, 1949) for sale of land on Park street, Dorcbester, to Wonder Laundries Company, Inc.—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The question came on giving the order its first reading. On motion of Councilor Farin the order was recommitted to the Committee on Puhlic Lands.

DEATH OF THOMAS RIVERS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled this sixth day of February, 1950, unanimously deplores the needless killing of Thomas Rivers by a member of tbe state police force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled offers its deepest heartfelt sympathy to thc survivors of Thomas Rivers; and he it further

Resolved, That the Boston City Council is in unanimous agreement that some indemnity by the state sbould be given to the widowed mother of the victim of the shooting.

The resolutions were adopted under suspension of tbe rule.

DEATH OF JOHN E. CONWAY.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled herehy expresses its sincere regret at the untimely death of the late John E. Conway, veteran sports director for the Hearst Boston newspapers, and extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the members of his family in the hour of their sad bereavement.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

HANDBALL COURT REPAIRS, SOUTH BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the floor in the handball court at the municipal gymnasium in South Boston and to furnish punching hags and otber proper gymnasium facilities that are lacking there.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPOTLIGHT AT BRIGHAM CIRCLE.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That tbe Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spotligbt for the traffic officer at Brigbam Circle, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor tbe Mayor direct the Overseers of Public Welfare to make payments weekly to recipients of Aid to Dependent Children rather tban semimonthly.

Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

BASEBALL BACKSTOPS, FRANKLIN PARK PLAYSTEAD.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision for the construction of two permanent backstops on the baseball field in the Playstead at Franklin Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WADING POOL, FRANKLIN PARK PLAYSTEAD.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and COOK offered tbe following:

Ordered, That tbe trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, tbrough his Honor the Mayor, to build a wading pool for children in tbe Playstead in Franklin Park.

Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

PAVING OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN EGLESTON SQUARE AND FOREST HILLS.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered tbe following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through bis Honor the Mayor, to inform the Commissioner of Public Works of the plans whicb have been adopted for the paving of Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills.

Passed under suspcnsion of the rule.

HOUSING PROJECT ON ABANDONED JAMAICA CAR YARD.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, A previous order passed by the Boston City Council requested that a housing project bo constructed on the site of the ahandoned Jamaica car yard; and

Whereas, The formcr State Housing Board rejected said rcquest without giving a proper hearing to interested parties; therefore bc it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the present State Housing Board to approve the construction of a housing project on this site; and be it further

Ordered, That bis Honor the Mayor request the State Housing Board to hold a hearing on this matter in order that rcsidcnts of the Jamaica Plain section may have an opportunity to present their rcasons as to why such a housing development should be constructed.

Passed undcr suspcnsion of tbe rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF MAURICE J. GOTTLIEB.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the committee for naming squares be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection at Charlotte street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, in memory of the late Maurice J. Gottlieb, Senior Vice-Commander of the Herbert J. Wolfe Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, who died suddenly on February 1, 1950, as a result of wounds and injuries received in the South Pacific theater of operations, said Maurice J. Gottlieb having distinguished himself in the service of his country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMMEDIATE ACTION ON HOUSING SITE, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate action on the proposed housing site in Ward 15 under the Slum Clearance Act. This site is bounded by Bay street, Dorchester avenue, and Freeport street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, DART ROAD, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Street Lighting Division of the Public Works Department to immediately take steps to install lights on Dart road in the Alsen Village Project, Ward 16, where no lights of any kind now exist.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AT CODMAN SQUARE.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian islands at Codman square in Ward 17 for the safety of the people.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF REGAN ROAD AND GALTY AVENUE, ETC., WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately reconstruct Regan road and Galty avenue, Ward 17, and to put a new street and remove the car tracks entirely, if necessary, on Washington street, from Bowdoin street to Talbot avenue, Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WASHINGTON AND ASHMONT STREETS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put traffic lights on Washington and Ashmont streets, Ward 17, because of their dangerous conditions.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESUMPTION OF WORK ON FANEUIL STREET HOUSING PROJECT.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Chairman of the State Board of Housing, who was designated as the arbitrator, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to settle the dispute between the John Bowen Construction Company and the Boston Housing Authority, and to resume work on the Faneuil street housing project in Ward 22. The work on this project has now been stopped for at least eight weeks, and with the dire need of housing for veterans and their families, I recommend that immediate action be taken.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

President HURLEY declared a recess of five minutes at 2.58 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President Hurley at 3 P.M.

SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF VERY REVEREND MOTHER MARY MAGDALINE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled this sixth day of February, 1950, offers its sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Very Reverend Mother Mary Magdaline, Order of Preachers of West Springfield, Mass., whose passing after a long and painful illness caused great grief and heartache and a great amount of personal loss to them, the family, and to multitudes of friends and acquaintances all over the world who had the great privilege of knowing Mother Magdaline in life and whose lives were made better as a result of that friendship and acquaintance.
The rule was suspended and the resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

HEARINGS ON BUDGET.

President HURLEY announced that Councilor Shanley, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, advises that hearings on the budget for 1950 would start on Thursday, February 9, at 11 A.M.

REPLACING OF CERTAIN GAS LAMPS BY ELECTRICITY, WARD 7.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Whereas, The Metropolitan District Commission has taken over most of the South Boston beaches, including electric street lights, at a considerable saving to the City of Boston; therefore be it
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the present gas lamps on Dorchester street, East Eighth street, and Howe avenue, Ward 7, with modern electric lights.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.04 P.M., on motion of Councilor Ramsey, to meet on Monday, February 13, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 13, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey, Ramsey, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1950: Russell Peter Saia, 163 O street, South Boston, Mass., Thomas C. Quinn, 16 Oak Square avenue, Brighton, Mass., Harold Blander, 21 Evelyn street, Mattapan, Mass.

Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1950: Edmund C. Ladd, 177 Commercial street, East Braintree, Mass.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

CONDITIONS ON ACCIDENT FLOOR, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the conditions which prevail on the accident floor where it is alleged that patients are forced to wait for unreasonable lengths of time before they are given proper medical care and treatment

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Department, February 7, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 3, the following order of the City Council was presented:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of the City Hospital to investigate the conditions which prevail on the accident floor where it is alleged that patients are forced to wait for unreasonable lengths of time before they are given proper medical care and treatment, and that immediate steps be taken to correct this condition.

The Trustees have instructed the Superintendent to make every attempt to have patients remain as short a time as possible on the accident floor.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

REPAIRING OF HANDBALL COURT FLOOR, SOUTH BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the repairing of the floor in the handball court at the municipal gymnasium in South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
February 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to communication with reference to City Council order of February 6, 1950, requesting that repairs be made to the floor of the handball court at the municipal gymnasium, South Boston, would advise that we are planning on making necessary repairs to this floor at the earliest possible date, and have an item in our budget for this purpose.

There is a condition there which is very much out of the ordinary, in that there are springs under this building, and a good-sized waterproofing job will have to be done before it is possible to repair this floor. If we were to repair the floor, without doing the waterproofing first, it would only be a matter of a very short time, when the floor would be in as bad condition as it is at present.

With reference to furnishing punching bags and other proper gymnasium facilities, these matters should be referred to the Park Department, as they come under that department's jurisdiction.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION IN HONOR OF MAURICE J. GOTTLIEB.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the naming of the intersection at Charlotte street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, in memory of the late Maurice J. Gottlieb, senior vice-commander of the Herbert J. Wolfe Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
February 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of February 8, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Ansel requesting that the intersection at Charlotte street and Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester, be named in memory of the late Maurice J. Gottlieb, I beg to advise that the Committee to Memorialize Veterans does not consider this particular area a square and is not desirous of considering the naming of corner designations as squares either now or in the future.

If Councilor Ansel introduces another order for another location consisting of four corners

which can be properly termed a square, the committee will give the request every consideration at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF PROPOSED PARK IN HONOR OF WILLIAM G. WALSH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the naming of the park which is to be built on Washington street between Gallivan Boulevard and St. Gregory street, Dorchester, in honor of Gunnery Sergt. William Gary Walsh, 5th Marine Corps, 27th Regiment.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, February 3, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure City Council order requesting naming the park which is to be built on Washington street between Gallivan Boulevard and St. Gregory street, Dorchester, in honor of Gunnery Sergt. William Gary Walsh, 5th Marine Corps, 27th Regiment, who is the only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient born in Boston. He was born in Dorchester, and the medal was bestowed posthumously. The Mayor has appropriated $50,000 for the building of this park as requested.

This area has been recently taken by the Park Department, and it is our plan to do some work on this area this spring, but the playground will not be entirely completed until sometime in 1951.

The matter of naming this area must be discussed by the Board of Park Commissioners, and it would seem advisable to wait until the area has been completed.

Your request will be kept on file and will be given every consideration when the naming of the area is to be considered.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF MOTHERS' REST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the construction of a "mothers' rest" in the abandoned streetcar reservation on Columbia road, between Hancock street and Bird street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of January 30:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner to construct a "mothers' rest" in the abandoned streetcar reservation on Columbia road, between Hancock street and Bird street, Dorchester.

While I am in entire sympathy with the purpose of the order, I think that it would be most inadvisable to construct a "mothers' rest" in the present reservation which is located in the middle of a heavily-traveled, double-barreled highway. The mothers and children in crossing from the sidewalk to the proposed "mothers' rest" would be subjected to hazardous walking conditions, with the result that serious accidents might happen to them. I feel, therefore, as stated, that it would be most inadvisable to construct a "mothers' rest" in this location.

The department plans provide for the elimination of the existing streetcar reservation on Columbia road and the substitution therefor of a six-foot-wide safety island, which will act as a haven for pedestrians who have occasion to cross Columbia road, and it will also act as a divider to separate the vehicular traffic that is proceeding in opposite directions on this highway.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENDICOTT TERRACE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the making of Endicott terrace in Dorchester a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 6, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

I return herewith order of the City Council that the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Endicott terrace in Dorchester a public highway

At the present time, Endicott terrace, which leads off 1653 Dorchester avenue, is a private way, and the matter of its acceptance should be referred to the Board of Street Commissioners, which has sole authority in accepting and ordering the construction of streets.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC, JAMAICA PLAIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the establishing of a children's dental clinic in the Jamaica Plain district of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Health Department, February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of a City Council order pertaining to the establishment of a dental clinic in the Jamaica Plain area, which was enclosed in your communication of January 25, 1950.

At the present time, the Boston Health Department furnishes dental services to the children of the Jamaica Plain area at the Whittier Street Health Unit where adequate dental services are available. It is necessary that these children travel a distance of approximately two to three miles in order to attend the dental clinic. If a location for the establishment of a dental clinic in Jamaica Plain could be obtained, the Health Department will do all possible to supply the services.

Representatives of the Health Department have visited the Jamaica Plain area and a location for a dental clinic at Curtis Hall, if space were available, would be desirable from a Health Department point of view. This would require rearrangement of plumbing facilities, waiting-room facilities, lighting fixtures, and new dental equipment with a total over-all expenditure of approximately $3,000. In addition, it would be necessary to employ additional personnel in the Dental Division of the Health Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M.D., M.P.H.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT MINOT AND CARRUTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 9, 1950, concerning the making of a survey of the junction of Minot and Carruth streets, with a view to erecting "Stop Before Entering" signs at this intersection.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 9, 1950, Requesting That a Survey Be Made of the Junction of Minot and Carruth Streets, With a View to Erecting "Stop Before Entering" Signs at This Intersection.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to the subject Council order please be advised that after a survey was made at this location the matter was taken up at a meeting held on February 2, 1950, and it was unanimously voted to reject the request.

Our engineers found that there was insufficient traffic at this location to warrant obtaining the approval of the State Public Works Department who has jurisdiction over the erection of "Stop" signs and would, no doubt, be reluctant to approve of such an installation.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, ELIOT STREET AND JAMAICAWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of push-button traffic signals at the corner of Eliot street and Jamaicaway.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Push-Button Traffic Signals at the Corner of Eliot Street and Jamaicaway.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that at this time we have no funds available for the installation of the requested signals. However, when money is provided, we will give consideration to the above location.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WASHINGTON AND ASHMONT STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights on Washington and Ashmont streets, Ward 17, because of their dangerous condition.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 6, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights on Washington and Ashmont Streets, Ward 17, Because of Their Dangerous Condition.

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that at this time we have no money available for the installation of traffic signals. However, when funds are provided, this location will be given consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, HUNTINGTON AND LONGWOOD AVENUES, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Huntington avenue and Longwood avenue,

Ward 10; and that the portion of Longwood avenue from St. Alphonsus street to Huntington avenue be made one way traveling west.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Intersection of Huntington Avenue and Longwood Avenue, Ward 10; and That the Portion of Longwood Avenue from St. Alphonsus Street to Huntington Ayenue Be Made One Way Traveling West.

Dear Sir:

At the present time there are no funds available to this commission for the installation of traffic signals. However, when money is provided we will give consideration to the above location.

The matter of making that portion of Longwood avenue, from St. Alphonsus street to Huntington avenue, one way west, will be studied by our engineers and, upon receipt of their report, I will advise you further.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic signals at the following intersections: Columbus avenue and New Heath street, Jackson square, Columbus avenue and Walnut avenue, Tower street and Washington street, Centre street and Cedar street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission.
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Signals at the Following Intersections: Columbus Avenue and New Heath Street, Jackson Square, Columbus Avenue and Walnut Avenue, Tower Street and Washington Street, Centre Street and Cedar Street.

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that at the present time we have no money allotted to us for the installation of traffic signals. However, when funds are provided, consideration will be given to the above locations.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, HARRISON AVENUE AND EAST NEWTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Harrison avenue and East Newton street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission.
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Junction of Harrison Avenue and East Newton Street.

Dear Sir:

I regret to advise that at the present time there is no money provided for the installation of traffic signals. However, when funds are made available, consideration will be given to this location.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AT CODMAN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the installation of pedestrian islands at Codman square, Ward 17, for the safety of the people.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 6, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Pedestrian Islands at Codman Square, Ward 17, for the Safety of the People.

Dear Sir:

In response to the above Council order, please be informed that at the present time we are making a study of Codman square with a view to preparing plans for the installation of channelizing islands.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SPOTLIGHT AT BRIGHAM CIRCLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the installation of a spotlight for the traffic officer at Brigham Circle, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 6, 1950. Requesting the Installation of a Spotlight for the Traffic Officer at Brigham Circle, Ward 10.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers will investigate the above request, and you will be advised further upon receipt of their recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the request for "No Parking" signs on the Ward 17 side of Nixon street and Dayton street near the Shawmut Station.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting That "No Parking" Signs Be Installed on the Ward 17 Side of Nixon Street and Dayton Street Near the Shawmut Station.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers will make a survey of the above request, and upon receipt of their report the matter will be taken up at a meeting of this commission for further action.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF BLINKER LIGHTS, WARDS 14 AND 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of "Stop" signs or blinker lights on both sides of Millet and Radcliffe streets, Wards 14 and 17, at the Harvard street intersection.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting the Installation of "Stop" Signs or Blinker Lights on Both Sides of Millet and Radcliffe Streets, Wards 14 and 17, at the Harvard Street Intersection.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers will make a study of the above request for "Stop" signs or blinker lights on both Millet and Radcliffe streets, and upon receipt of their recommendations I will advise you further.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING CERTAIN STREETS ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith letter from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the making of a survey of making McLellan street, Charlotte street, Wales street, Abbot street, Vesta road, Howard street, and Floyd street one-way thoroughfares.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting That a Survey Be Made of the Advisability of Making McLellan Street, Charlotte Street, Wales Street, Abbot Street, Vesta Road, Howard Street, and Floyd Street One-Way Thoroughfares.

Dear Sir:

Further answering the above Council order, please be advised that it is our belief that Councilor Ansel meant Howard avenue and not Howard street.

The streets mentioned are all residential and many of them have long block lengths which, if made one way, would cause inconvenience to the residents.

It is respectfully suggested that, before any action is taken, a petition from the residents of these streets be submitted to this commission.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RUTHERFORD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is a self-explanatory communication received this day from the State Commissioner of Public Works concerning the construction of a depressed highway and an overhead viaduct at the junction of the Boston and Maine Railroad's branch line to the Mystic Docks and Rutherford avenue, Charlestown

As the proposed construction is a vital link in the highway project now under way at Sullivan square, I recommend to your Honorable Body the immediate adoption of the order transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of Public Works,
February 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

In connection with the proposed improvement of Sullivan square, in the Charlestown section of Boston, Rutherford avenue, the main traffic artery between City square and Sullivan square, will be widened to permit the construction of a depressed highway, an elevated highway, and two service roads, the latter at present street level.

Accordingly, the existing railroad-highway grade crossing, where the Boston and Maine Railroad's branch line to the Mystic Docks crosses Rutherford avenue, will have to be altered. Across the proposed service roads the railroad will remain at grade, suitably protected, but, in between, the depressed highway will underpass the railroad and the viaduct will overpass the railroad.

This alteration of the existing crossing will be accomplished by proceeding under the provisions of chapter 159, section 59 of the General Laws. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the Boston City Council to petition the Department of Public Utilities to alter said crossing and to issue an order therefor.

The work involved will be a part of the general project for the Sullivan square improvement, and the expense involved will likewise be borne by the Commonwealth.

Under date of November 28, 1949, this same information was forwarded to the Mayor of Boston. In order that no delays will be encountered, it will be greatly appreciated if

this petition to the Department of Public Utilities is submitted immediately by the proper city authorities.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM F. CALLAHAN, Commissioner.

Ordered, That it be, and hereby is, deemed and determined to be necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration substantially as shown on the set of plans entitled "Plan and Profile showing proposed alteration of railroad crossing in the City of Boston—Suffolk County—on Rutherford Ave.—Sta. 70 & 88—at the Boston and Maine Railroad (Mystic Branch)—scales as noted—November, 1949—Department of Public Works, 100 Nashua St., Boston, Mass.—P. H. Kitfield, Chief Engineer" be made where Rutherford avenue in the Charlestown district of Boston and the Boston and Maine Railroad's branch line to the Mystic Docks now cross each other; and

That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to make in the name and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Boston appropriate application to the State Department of Public Utilities under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 159, s. 59, as amended, in connection with such alteration.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Orin A. Delaney, for compensation for damage to car by city sanding machine.

Thomas H. Donnelly, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Guiseppe Iandoli, for compensation for damage to car by fire engine.

Morris Kaitz, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John J. Lydon, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Bridge and Ferry Service.

Albert J. Shea, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

John M. Smith, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Executive.

Petition of Nellie L. Murphy to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, James W. Murphy, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Elizabeth B. Thompson to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Joseph W. Thompson, late member of Fire Department.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

The petition of Boston Ballet Center, Inc., for children under fifteen years of age to appear at John Hancock Hall, February 21, 1950, was received and granted under the usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY J. SINKIEWICZ.

Notice was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, John F. McCarthy, of appointment of Anthony J. Sinkiewicz as deputy sealer (provisional) starting February 8, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. McLEOD.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of appointment of John D. McLeod, 32 Stratford street, West Roxbury, as permanent first assistant assessor at salary of $3,000 a year, effective February 8, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by the Boston Housing Authority of $789.36 for furnishing labor and material to cover steam risers in bathrooms with metal mesh guards at Bakersfield Veterans' Housing Project.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held in its hearing room, 166 State House, on Thursday, March 9, 1950, at 2.30 P.M., on rates and charges of Johnson Bus Lines, Inc.

Notice was received from the Public Utilities Department of hearing to be held at its hearing room on February 20 at 11 A.M., on petition of South Shore Coach Lines, Inc., for certificate of public convenience and necessity for operation of motor vehicles from Quincy-Boston line at Neponset avenue to Adams street, on Adams street to Gibson street, on Gibson street to Dorchester avenue, on Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner MTA terminal; from the Fields Corner MTA terminal on Geneva avenue to Park street, on Park street to Adams street, on Adams street to Neponset avenue, on Neponset avenue to the Boston-Quincy line.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICES FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of approval of plan of Metropolitan Transit Authority (numbered Bb-13420) showing proposed modification and changes in elevated structure at City Square Station, Charlestown.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of approval of petition of Boston Edison Company for location for conduits and cables under West Roxbury Parkway, West Roxbury.

Severally placed on file.

SYMPATHY TO FORMER MAYOR CURLEY AND FAMILY.

Coun. HURLEY for and in behalf of all the members of the Council offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled, deeply shocked at the tragic news of the sudden and untimely deaths of Mary Curley Donnelly and Leo F. Curley, daughter and son of Hon. James M. Curley, hereby extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to former Mayor Curley and the members of his family in this hour of their sad bereavement.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Adjourned at 2.14 P.M. on motion of Councilor Wenzler, to meet on Monday, February 20, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 20, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member WENZLER in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey, Hurley, and McCormack.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

PAVING OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN EGLESTON SQUARE AND FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the paving of Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
February 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 8, with order of the City Council requesting that the Commissioner of Public Works be informed of the plans which have been adopted for the paving of Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills, the matter has been discussed with the Commissioner of Public Works, and study is being given to the matter to determine what burden such an undertaking may place upon our current fiscal year budget.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

SALE OF UNFIT FIRE APPARATUS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Fire Commissioner in which it is requested that authority be granted for the sale of certain pieces of old and obsolete apparatus which are unfit for service in the Fire Department.

I favor the sale of this old apparatus and respectfully recommend passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, February 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully request that your Honor obtain permission from the City Council to dispose of, as junk, through private sale, the following old and obsolete apparatus which is now the property of the Fire Department:

One 1941 American LaFrance 100-foot aerial ladder truck, to be sold to the Boston Junk Company, 101 Tyler street, Boston, for the sum of $221.50.

The following pieces of old apparatus, to be sold to the Heggie Corporation, 194 Freeport street, Dorchester, for the sum of $737:

Make.	Year.	Serial No.
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1920	228T
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1923	235T
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1926	245T
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1924	239T
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1923	234T
American LaFrance Company city service truck	1923	233T
American LaFrance Company Type 17 4-wheel tractor	1926	243T
American LaFrance Company Type 17 4-wheel tractor	1926	220T
American LaFrance Company 85-foot aerial ladder (trailer section only)	1929	257T
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1923	346W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1922	341W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1922	340W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1923	345W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1925	348W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1925	349W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1923	344W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1922	339W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1923	342W
American LaFrance Company combination hose and chemical truck	1923	343W

I list below bids which were received for the foregoing old equipment:

Bidder.	100-Foot Aerial Ladder Truck.	Remainder of Trucks.
Boston Junk Company	$221 50	$575 50
Heggie Corporation	151 00	737 00
H. Cohen & Co., Inc.	30 00	395 00
Samuel Gordon & Sons, Inc.	90 00	375 00

The foregoing trucks are no longer fit for service in the Fire Department. After all parts which might be of any use to the department have been stripped from the old apparatus, the trucks will be cut up by the junk dealers to whom they are sold, under the supervision of officials of the Fire Department.

The 100-foot aerial ladder truck was practically demolished in an accident in December of 1947, and the American LaFrance Company, manufacturer of the truck, stated the cost of repairing the ladder truck would be nearly as great as the price of a new ladder truck.

Respectfully yours,
M. T. KELLEHER, Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell for the sum of $958.20 the twenty (20) pieces of old and obsolete apparatus as described in the accompanying communication from the Fire Commissioner.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RESUMPTION OF WORK ON FANEUIL STREET HOUSING PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the State Housing Board relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning settling the dispute between the John Bowen Construction Company and the Boston Housing Authority and resuming work on the Faneuil Street Housing Project in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State Housing Board, February 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On the date of February 8, 1950, your office forwarded to us a copy of an order of the City Council, dated February 6. This order requested in substance that the current dispute between the John Bowen Company and the Boston Housing Authority, with reference to Boston project 200-4, be settled promptly.

On Friday, February 10, both parties to this dispute entered into an agreement to arbitrate the differences. The agreement provided that work commence upon its signing and proceed expeditiously.

I am happy to report to you and the City Council that this problem appears to be solved.

Respectfully,
FREDERICK W. ROCHE, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PARKING OF AUTOMOBILES, COLUMBIA ROAD ISLAND AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the utilization of the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, February 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated January 23, 1950, requesting the utilization of the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles.

This is to inform you that Columbia road is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.

It is now under the control of the Department of Public Works of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PERMANENT BACKSTOPS, FRANKLIN PARK PLAYSTEAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the construction of two permanent backstops on the baseball field in the Playstead at Franklin Park.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, February 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated February 6, 1950, requesting that provision be made for the construction of two permanent backstops on the baseball field in the Playstead at Franklin Park.

It is the intention of this department to make some changes in the Playstead area in Franklin Park, and among the changes planned is the erection of permanent backstops on the baseball field.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RESERVATION OF CAPITAL GRANT MONIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is self-explanatory letter sent me under date of February 13, 1950, by Mr. Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority. Also enclosed is a resolution which I recommend that your Honorable Body adopt, so that Boston may get its due share of the capital grants authorized by Title 1 of the Federal Housing Act of 1949.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
February 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 authorizes the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency to make loans and grants to assist cities, such as Boston, in acquiring slum and blighted areas and making the land available for development and redevelopment.

The Administrator is taking applications for capital grants only at this time. Applications for loans will be accepted at a later date. From the initial $200,000,000 available under the Act, the City of Boston is entitled to a maximum capital grant of $2,982,770. It is conceivable that this amount may be increased if the total now available is not completely earmarked elsewhere.

To obtain the funds it is necessary that your Honor and the City Council approve a resolution, in form satisfactory to the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, for reservation of grant monies. Such resolution is enclosed. If it meets with your approval, will you submit it to the City Council at an early date?

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Administrator.

RESOLUTION FOR RESERVATION OF GRANT MONIES.

Whereas, Under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to assist local communities in eliminating their slums and blighted areas and in providing maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of such areas by private enterprise, and to that end is authorized to make local public agencies advances for surveys and plans in preparation of projects, capital grants, and temporary and definitive loans; and

Whereas, The Housing and Home Finance Administrator will consider requests for the reservation or earmarking of the first $200,000,000 that will be made available under Title I for capital grants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boston (herein designated for this purpose the "Community"):

1. That upon the basis of preliminary studies it is considered to be in the public interest and it is the desire and purpose of the Community that there be undertaken and carried out, with the aid of capital grants out of said $200,000,000, certain slum clearance and redevelopment work in the Community, and that such work, or at least the surveying or planning in connection therewith, can be started prior to July 1, 1951.

2. That the Administrator be, and he is hereby, requested to reserve or earmark for such work out of said $200,000,000 an amount not exceeding $2,982,770.

3. That it is hereby recognized that under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 certain requirements are imposed in order to obtain federal aid thereunder for slum clearance and redevelopment projects, including requirements for the provision of local grants-in-aid, the approval of redevelopment plans by the governing body of the locality, the making of certain findings by such governing body, and other requirements, and it is further recognized that the cooperation of the Community is necessary to carry out the slum clearance and redevelopment program which is proposed to be undertaken and for which the reservation of funds is hereby requested.

4. That Cornelius T. Kiley, the duly authorized Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, be, and he is hereby, directed to forward to said Administrator three certified copies of this resolution and such other supporting data and information as may be required, and that this resolution shall constitute the Community's formal request to the Administrator for the reservation of capital grant monies.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is self-explanatory letter which Mr. Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, sent me under date of February 10, 1950. Also enclosed is an order which I recommend that your Honorable Body adopt forthwith, in order that the housing program outlined in Mr. Kiley's letter may proceed without delay.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
February 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This Authority, pursuant to the provisions of the Housing Act of 1949, has applied to the Public Housing Administration for program reservation for construction of additional federally-aided low-rent housing in Boston. The Public Housing Administration has approved 4,000 units for Boston for the forthcoming two years. No reservation beyond two years will be accepted by Public Housing Administration at this time.

To enable the Authority to start the program, Public Housing Administration has approved a preliminary loan of $550,000 and will make an initial advance thereon within the next few days. The application for the preliminary loan was approved by the City Council and Mayor on November 28, 1949.

The Housing Act of 1949 requires, as did the United States Housing Act of 1937, that the Authority enter into a so-called "Cooperation Agreement" with the City of Boston covering projects to be built under its provisions. Such a contract has been in effect since 1938, covering all federally-aided projects now in operation in the City of Boston. A similar contract must now be entered into for contemplated projects under the new law.

There is transmitted herewith a proposed form of Cooperation Agreement, the form and content of which have been agreed upon by counsel for this Authority and Public Housing Administration and the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

It covers the salient provisions of the law relative to payments in lieu of taxes and equivalent elimination of substandard dwellings. There are various other provisions relative to the usual cooperation of the various departments and boards of the city during the development and management stages of the projects.

Payments in lieu of taxes under this agreement are fixed at ten (10) per cent of shelter rents. Under the previous agreement the payment was 4¾ per cent, although during the war period a larger payment was made because of the temporary diversion of the projects from their true low-rent purpose. This permanent increase to ten (10) per cent represents the culmination of a long struggle on the part of the Authority to increase these payments to the city.

The city agrees to cooperate with the Authority in the elimination of substandard dwellings to the extent provided in the Act. The Act, in this respect, has been liberalized, by reason of the housing shortage, to provide that the equivalent elimination feature of the Act shall not be applicable to projects built on the site of a slum cleared after July 15, 1949.

If the proposed contract meets with your approval, will you submit it to the City Council for action thereupon at an early meeting? The Authority knows that you are very anxious to assist in providing additional homes in Boston. Please be assured that the Authority is proceeding with the program with as much speed as possible. This Cooperation Agreement is the most immediate step in our progress, and we know that we can be assured of your assistance.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the City of Boston enter into a cooperation agreement with the Boston Housing Authority in the following form, and that the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver such agreement in the name and behalf of the City of Boston:

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

This Agreement, entered into this..... day of....., 19....., by and between the Boston Housing Authority (herein called the "Authority") and the City of Boston (herein called the "City"), witnesseth:

Whereas, The Authority has received from the Public Housing Administration (herein called the "PHA") a Program Reservation for 4,000 units of low-rent housing to be de-

veloped and located within the corporate limits of the City and may hereafter apply for additional Program Reservations; and

Whereas, The Authority proposes to enter into one or more contracts with the PHA for loans and annual contributions in connection with the development and administration of such low-rent housing, all pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (herein called the "ACT"); and

Whereas, The City is desirous of assisting and cooperating with the Authority in such undertakings and of complying with the provisions of Sections 10(a), 10(h), and 15(7)(b) of the Act, as well as all other applicable provisions thereof;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Authority and the City do agree:

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

(a) The term "Project" shall mean any low-rent housing hereafter developed as one operation by the Authority with financial assistance of the PHA and included within any Program Reservations issued to the Authority by the PHA which in the aggregate may not exceed 8,000 units of low-rent housing. A Project will generally be located on a single site but may be on scattered sites.

(b) The term "Taxing Body" shall mean the State or any political subdivision or taxing unit thereof (including the City) in which a Project is situated and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to a Project if it were not exempt from taxation.

(c) The term "Shelter Rent" shall mean the total of all charges to all tenants of a Project for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of such Project), *less* the cost to the Authority of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities.

(d) The term "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitation facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health or morals.

2. The Authority shall endeavor to secure a contract or contracts with the PHA for loans and annual contributions, and undertake to develop and administer one or more Projects.

3. Under the constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all Projects are exempt from all real and personal property taxes and special assessments levied or imposed by any Taxing Body; and, with respect to any Project, so long as either (a) such Project is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (b) any contract between the Authority and the PHA for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Project shall remain in force and effect, or (c) any bonds issued in connection with such Project shall remain outstanding, whichever period is the longest, the City agrees that it will not levy or impose any real or personal property taxes or special assessments upon such Project or upon the Authority with respect thereto. During such period, the Authority shall make annual payments (herein called "Payments in Lieu of Taxes") in lieu of such taxes and special assessments and in payment for public services and facilities furnished for or with respect to such Project other than water, supplied to or provided for such Project. Each such annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes shall be made after the end of the fiscal year established for such Project, and shall be in an amount equal to either (a) ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate Shelter Rent charged by the Authority in respect to such Project during such Fiscal year or (b) the amount permitted to be paid by applicable state law in effect on the date of this Cooperation Agreement, whichever amount is the lower; provided, however, that upon failure of the Authority to make any such Payment in Lieu of Taxes, no lien against any Project or assets of the Authority shall attach; provided, further, that no payment for any year shall be made to the City in excess of the amount of the real property taxes which would have been paid to the City for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation.

4. The City agrees that, subsequent to the date of initiation (as defined in the Act) of each Project and within five years after the completion thereof, or such further period as may be approved by the PHA, and in addition to the number of unsafe or insanitary dwelling units which the City is obligated to eliminate as a part of the low-rent housing project(s) heretofore undertaken by the Authority and identified as Project No(s). Mass. 2-1, 2-3 and 2-4, Mass. 2-6 and Mass. 2-5, 2-7 and 2-8, there has been or will be elimination (as approved by the PHA) by demolition, condemnation, effective closing, or compulsory repair or improvement, of unsafe or insanitary dwelling units situated in the locality or metropolitan area of the City substantially equal in number to the number of newly constructed dwelling units provided by such Project; provided, that, where more than one family is living in an unsafe or insanitary dwelling unit, the elimination of such unit shall count as the elimination of units equal to the number of families accommodated therein; and provided, further, that this paragraph 4 shall not apply in the case of (a) any Project developed on the site of a Slum cleared subsequent to July 15, 1949, and that the dwelling units eliminated by the clearance of the site of such Project shall not be counted as elimination for any other Project or any other low-rent housing project, or (b) any Project located in a rural non-farm area.

5. During the period commencing with the date of the acquisition of any part of the site or sites, of any Project and continuing so long as either (a) such Project is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (b) any contract between the Authority and the PHA for loans or annual contributions, or both, with respect to such Project shall remain in force and effect, or (c) any bonds issued in connection with such Project shall remain outstanding, whichever period is the longest, the City without cost or charge to the Authority or the tenants of such Project (other than the Payments in Lieu of Taxes) shall:

(a.) Furnish or cause to be furnished to the Authority and the tenants of such Project (i) the public services and facilities which are at the date hereof being furnished without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the City including but not limited to: educational, fire, police and health protection and services; maintenance and repair of public streets, roads and sidewalks, and of sewer systems; snow removal; garbage, trash and ash collection and disposal; street lighting on public streets and roads within such Project and on the boundaries thereof; and adequate sewer services for such Project; and (ii) also such additional public services and facilities as may from time to time hereafter be furnished without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the City;

(b) Recommend to the proper board or officer the vacating of such streets, roads, and alleys within the area of such Project as may be necessary in the development thereof, and convey without charge to the Authority such interest as the City may have in such vacated areas, and, insofar as it is lawfully able to do so without cost or expense to the Authority or to the City, cause to be removed from such vacated

areas, insofar as it may be necessary, all utility lines and equipment;

(c) Recommend to the proper boards or officers such waivers of the building code of the City as are reasonable and necessary to promote economy and efficiency in the development and administration of such Project, and such changes in any zoning of the site and surrounding territory of such Project as are reasonable and necessary for the development and protection thereof;

(d) accept grants of easements necessary for the development of such Project; and

(e) cooperate with the Authority by such other lawful actions or ways as the City and the Authority may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Project.

6. In respect to any Project the City further agrees that within a reasonable time after receipt of a written request therefor from the Authority:

(a) The City will recommend to the proper board or officer the laying out as public streets of all streets and roads, with their adjacent sidewalks, within the area of such project after the Authority, at its own expense, has completed the grading, improvement, and paving thereof in accordance with specifications acceptable to the City; and

(b) The City will recommend to the proper board or officer the laying out as public streets of all streets bounding such Project or necessary to provide adequate access thereto and will grade, improve, pave and provide sidewalks therefor; in consideration whereof the Authority shall pay to the City such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if it were privately owned; and

(c) The City will provide, or cause to be provided, water mains, and storm and sanitary sewer mains, leading to such Project and serving the bounding streets thereof, in consideration whereof the Authority shall pay to the City such amount as would be assessed against the Project site if it were privately owned.

7. If the City shall, within a reasonable time after written notice from the Authority, fail or refuse to furnish or cause to be furnished any of the services or facilities which it is obligated hereunder to furnish or cause to be furnished to the Authority or to any Project, then the Authority may proceed to obtain such services or facilities elsewhere, and deduct the cost therefor from any Payments in Lieu of Taxes due or to become due to the City in respect to any Project or any other low-rent housing projects assisted or owned by the PHA.

8. No Cooperation Agreement heretofore entered into between the City and the Authority shall be construed to apply to any Project covered by this Agreement.

9. So long as any contract between the Authority and the PHA for loans (including preliminary loans) or annual contributions, or both, with respect to any Project shall remain in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with such Project shall remain outstanding, this agreement shall not be abrogated, changed or modified without the consent of the PHA. The privileges and obligations of the City hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Project so long as the beneficial title to such Project is held by the Authority or some other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing projects. If at any time the beneficial title to, or possession of, any Project is held by such other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA, the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of, and may be enforced by, such other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA.

In witness whereof the City and the Authority have respectively caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

Approved as to form:

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Corporation Counsel.

CITY OF BOSTON,
By .....
Mayor.

ATTEST:

.....
City Clerk.

Approved as to form:

.....
General Counsel.

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY,
By .....
Chairman.

ATTEST:

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Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR CITY PLANNING BOARD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of $15,000 to the City Planning Board to enable that Board to develop a master plan and capital improvement program. This plan and program should indicate all local objectives as to appropriate land uses and improved traffic, public transportation, public utilities, recreational and other community facilities. These programs are vitally important so that the planning of the city will be objective and not haphazard.

It is absolutely essential, in order that the city may be in a position to take advantage of the 1949 Federal Housing Act for the redevelopment of certain substandard areas in the city, to file a so-called master plan of the entire city with the federal authorities. It is understood that there will be approximately $7,500,000 capital grants available to the city, but the city cannot receive any grants whatsoever until and unless this is done.

In order that the Planning Board may proceed without delay, your immediate consideration and adoption of the accompanying order appropriating the sum of $15,000 is respectfully recommended.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

City Planning Board.
Development of Master Planning Programs $15,000

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward Ambrogne, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sanitary Division.

Sebastiano Berinato, for compensation for damage to property by city truck.

Joseph Bethany, for compensation for injuries and damage to property caused by city motor vehicle.

Dorothy P. Fagan, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Fire Department.

Joseph P. Ferreira, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

James F. McGonagle, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Nils Nilsen, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

John H. O'Donnell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of School Buildings Department.

David O'Keefe, for compensation for injuries caused by falling limb of tree at 560 East Eighth street, South Boston.

John D. Paraschos, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Francis J. Pasek, for compensation for damage to sidewalk at 14 Welles park, Roslindale, caused by snowplow.

Alma F. Spiers, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Friend street.

Arthur J. Whalen, to be paid five days' salary deducted from his earnings while employed in Printing Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for license to operate motor vehicles on Mystic River Bridge from Boston-Chelsea line to Haymarket Square Circle.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement:

Jean Paige, John Hancock Hall, May 22.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of the following hearings:

Hearing on April 5 at 10 A.M. on investigation by the department as to propriety of rates and charges filed by Boston Edison Company on February 13, 1950.

Hearing on February 27 at 2.30 P.M. on investigation by the department as to the propriety of rates and charges filed by Western Union Telegraph Company on February 2.

Severally placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Safety of the following hearings:

Hearing on Monday, February 20, at 10.30 A.M. on appeal of Zeke Cefalo from decision of Board of Street Commissioners of City of Boston in granting license to Thomas P. Buckley to erect lubritorium garage and keep oil and gasoline at 56 Beech street, West Roxbury.

Hearing on Monday, February 20, at 10 A.M. on appeal of Mary C. Dodds from decision of Board of Street Commissioners of City of Boston in granting license to Irving Rocklin to erect lubritorium garage and keep gasoline at 291 Norfolk street, Dorchester.

Hearing on Monday, February 20, at 11 A.M. on appeal of Mary A. Aspell from decision of Board of Street Commissioners in granting license to Parkway Oil Company to erect lubritorium garage and keep oil and gasoline at 1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury.

Severally placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of hearing to be held on February 21 at 3 P.M. on state highway layout in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING BOARD.

Notice was received from the State Housing Board of approval of expenditure of $235 by Boston Housing Authority for plumbing changes at the North Avenue Veterans' Housing Project.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL G. O'CONNOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Daniel G. O'Connor, 51 Welles avenue, Dorchester, as member of Board of Zoning Adjustment for term ending April 30, 1951, vice Harry P. Braude, resigned.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM A. HADDAD.

Notice was received from the Health Department of appointment (emergency) of William A. Haddad as inspector of housing and sanitation at $2,500 a year, effective February 15, 1950.

Placed on file.

BOND OF INDEMNITY.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan District Commission transmitting bond of indemnity of the Metalock Repair Service, Inc., of New York for work at Pumping Station, Chestnut Hill.

The bond was filed with the City Auditor, and the communication was placed on file.

COMMON CARRIERS BY WATER.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council strongly opposes the passage of Senate Bill No. 467, entitled "An Act Providing that the Department of Public Utilities Issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to Common Carriers by Water Within the Commonwealth."

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

SUBSCRIPTION TO "COUNTERATTACK"

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be requested to subscribe to the magazine entitled "Counterattack" for one year, in order that the Council may be informed of the Communistic activities in this country.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BROMLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to restore Bromley park, in Ward 10, to its former usefulness and beautify it by plowing

up the entire area, planting new lawn-grass seed and roll, trimming all trees of decayed branches, putting up a new heavy iron fence and removing the present bent and broken iron fence, which has outlived its usefulness and is now a hideous monstrosity, installing several concrete settees for the convenience of the citizens in the neighborhood, replacing the iron gates and constructing a concrete walk in the center of the entire park. It is further requested that these improvements be made as soon as possible.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

GENERAL WILLIAM HEATH SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to restore General William Heath Square to its former usefulness and beauty by plowing up the entire area, putting in new grass, installing an iron fence similar to the iron fence around the statue of General Warren on Warren street, erecting a large boulder of Barre granite with bronze tablet recording the birth and military achievement of General William Heath, erecting concrete benches, and constructing a new concrete sidewalk. It is further requested that these improvements be made as soon as possible in order to have them dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in connection with the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUEST FOR LOAN ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF GAS LIGHTS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor submit a loan order in the sum of $1,000,000 for the purpose of immediate replacement and improvement of all gas lights in the City of Boston.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred February 13) of Russell Peter Saia, Thomas C. Quinn, and Harold Blander, as Constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1950—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred February 13) of Edmund C. Ladd, as Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1950—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Ansel and Hannon. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

ENDORSEMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE ACT.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled Monday, February 20, 1950, record themselves in favor of federal legislation for the enactment of the Fair Employment Practice Act, insuring the citizens of this republic equality of opportunity in their common pursuits and eliminating discrimination and segregation in industry in our nation; said Fair Employment Practice Act has passed and has been enacted by our Legislature and has proved most worthy. It is the hope of members of the Boston City Council that the Senators and Congressmen of Massachusetts record themselves in favor of federal legislation to this end; and it is further

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Senators and members of Congress from Massachusetts.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the resolution was amended by striking out the last sentence of the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

"It is the hope of members of the Boston City Council that the Senators and Congressmen from Massachusetts give deep and earnest consideration before voting on federal legislation to this end; and it is further . . ."

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the rules were suspended and the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the foregoing vote was reconsidered. On motion of Councilor Hannon, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules. Councilor Ansel moved reconsideration of the vote referring the resolution to the Committee on Rules.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

SELECTION OF QUEEN FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Organization for the Golden Jubilee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately study the advisability of the selection of a Queen during the conduct of the colorful pageant which is to be held in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee in our city in May. The naming of a Queen will bring much added interest and color, as well as wholesome public relations, in conjunction with this spectacular event that will do much to sell Boston's potentials to visitors who will come to our city.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN WELFARE RECIPIENTS FOR CARFARE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to compensate welfare recipients who are required to pay carfare to go to and from places of employment outside the districts in which they reside.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare.

Coun. SHANLEY in the chair.

ARC LIGHT AT VICKSBURG AND WEST SECOND STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc light at the corner of Vicksburg and East Second streets, Ward 6, where the lighting facilities are inadequate.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT ON EAST SECOND STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install arc light on East Second street, between I and K streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MANTHORNE ROAD AND WILLOW STREET AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Manthorne road, Ward 20, one-way traffic going east from Weld street to Centre street. Also to make Willow street, Ward 20, one-way traffic going west from Centre street to Weld street. Due to the increase in traffic from Hancock Village these streets have become hazardous and should be made one-way thoroughfares.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGN ON BUSSEY STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a "Stop" sign on Bussey street at the corner of Walter street, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF SEWERAGE, GROVE STREET SECTION.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sewerage in West Roxbury in the Grove street section, thereby eliminating septic tanks and cesspools now in use. I believe this improvement is long overdue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF SEWERAGE ON BIRCH ROAD.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sewerage on Birch road, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.05 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled at 4.33 P.M. and were called to order by Chairman Shanley.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 6) authorizing alteration as shown on plan and profile of proposed alteration of railroad crossing of Boston & Maine Railroad at Rutherford avenue—recommending passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of $15,000 to City Planning Board—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and resolution (referred today) re reservation of capital grant monies—that same ought to pass.

Coun. RAMSEY in the chair.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Francis E. Callahan (referred January 16) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of nine hundred fifty dollars ($950) be allowed and paid to Francis E. Callahan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Alfred P. Thoms (referred January 16) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($437.50) be allowed and paid to Alfred P. Thoms in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

PREFERENCE TO BOSTON CONCERNS IN SNOW REMOVAL WORK.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, that in future snowstorms, where private equipment for snow removal in the City of Boston is used by the Public Works Department, when any overtime is required, owners of equipment registered from a Boston address be given first preference; and, also, when the plowing for snow removal is near completion, registered Boston owners of this equipment be the last to be laid off.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RENAMING THOMAS PARK IN HONOR OF PAUL J. SAUNDERS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend changing the name of Thomas park, South Boston, to Paul J. Saunders Park, in honor of a staff sergeant of the United States Army, who was killed in action on Saipan on November 3, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF CARFARE TO CERTAIN PERSONS ON RELIEF.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be authorized, through his Honor the

Mayor, to pay carfares to those persons on relief who work outside their district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FACSIMILE OF BOOK OF KELLS.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, A limited number of facsimiles of the Book of Kells are to be available in the United States within the next few months; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Director of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to obtain for the Boston Public Library a facsimile of the Book of Kells, one of the world's most beautiful manuscripts.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARKING ON ISLAND AREA, COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. RAMSEY and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to utilize the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles by the residents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LIGHTS, SAVIN HILL.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to replace the existing gas lights on Tuttle street and Auckland street, Savin Hill, with electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.45 P.M., on motion of Councilor Beades, to meet on Monday, February 27, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 27, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Kinsella.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1950: Solomon Spack, 16 Georgia street, Roxbury; Thomas A. Riley, Jr., 106 Moore street, East Boston.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

PARKING ON COLUMBIA ROAD ISLAND AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the utilization of the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 17, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 23, 1950, Requesting the Utilization of the Island Area on Columbia Road, Dorchester, for the Parking of Automobiles.

Dear Sir:

In further response to the above Council order, please be advised that at a meeting of this Commission held on February 16, 1950, it was voted to turn down the above request until such time as the roadway has been reconstructed, which is expected to be sometime this spring.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT KING AND TRAIN STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 23, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop Before Entering" sign at the junction of King and Train streets, Dorchester, and that the sign be located on King street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 17, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated January 23, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a "Stop Before Entering" Sign at the Junction of King and Train Streets, Dorchester, and That the Sign Be Located on King Street.

Dear Sir:

Further replying to the above Council order, please be informed that at a meeting of this Commission held on February 16, 1950, it was voted to make Train street a "Stop" street at King street.

Signs will be erected to this effect within a short time.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SPOTLIGHT AT BRIGHAM CIRCLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the installation of a spotlight for a traffic officer at Brigham Circle, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 6, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a Spotlight for the Traffic Officer at Brigham Circle, Ward 10.

Dear Sir:

Further replying to the subject order, I wish to advise that, as a result of investigation by our engineers, our maintenance crew will erect the requested spotlight.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MANTHORNE ROAD AND WILLOW STREETS AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the request that Manthorne road and Willow street be made one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 20, 1950, Requesting That Manthorne Road and Willow Street Be Made One Way.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers will take traffic counts on these streets and, upon receipt of their recommendations, the matter will be taken up at the next meeting for action.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN IN BUSSEY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop" sign in Bussey street at Walter street, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 20, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a "Stop" Sign in Bussey Street at Walter Street, Ward 20.

Dear Sir:

The engineers of this commission will investigate the above request and, upon receipt of their report, the matter will be taken up at a meeting for necessary action.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CHANGING NAME OF THOMAS PARK, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the changing of the name of Thomas park, South Boston, to Paul J. Saunders Park, in honor of a staff sergeant of the United States Army.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
February 24, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of February 23, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Wenzler, recommending the changing of the name of Thomas Park, South Boston, to the late S/Sgt. Paul J. Saunders Park, I beg to advise that in assuming that this order has reference to the park itself and not to the public way surrounding the same, it should he referred to the Park Commission for its attention.

Thomas Park, sometimes referred to as Telegraph Hill, is under the sole jurisdiction of the Park Commission and the naming or renaming of the same is a function of this commission.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

SALE OF STEAM PUMP AT CALF PASTURE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Public Works Department is in possession of a steam pump which is no longer of any use to that department.

According to the attached communication of the Public Works Commissioner this pump was installed in 1902 and after many repairs the use of the pump was abandoned in 1942, as further repairs would make its operation dangerous.

The Public Works Commissioner states that he publicly advertised for bids for the demolition and removal of this pump and the Shaughnessy & Ahern Company was the highest bidder and agreed to demolish the pump and pay the city $5,225.

In view of the fact that this pump is of no use to the city, I recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying order for the sale of this pump to the above-named concern.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I respectfully request that you submit to the City Council the attached order for the sale of the Leavitt steam pump at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station.

This pump was installed in 1902. It has not been used since 1942, because of a broken rocker beam pin weighing approximately 2,000 pounds; said pin having been replaced in 1939. About 1918, the rocker beams proper cracked and were repaired by welding; subsequent repairs being necessary between that date and 1942 when the use of the pump was abandoned on the recommendation of the Chief Steam Engineer that the pump could not be successfully repaired, and that if it were repaired, it would be dangerous to operate.

The pump weighs about 700 tons; it is about 48 feet long, 44 feet wide, 70 feet high, and has a flywheel 36 feet in diameter. Because of the difficulty and expense of demolishing it, it is impossible to set a fair upset sale price for the pump on a ton basis of junk value.

To overcome this difficulty, I publicly advertised for bids to demolish and remove the pump, which required the bidder to furnish a certified check in the amount that he would pay the city in exchange for the pump, said check to become the property of the city upon execution of the contract. The following bids were received on Tuesday, February 21:

Shaughnessy & Ahern Company—to demolish pump and pay city $5,225.

Harcon Corporation—to demolish pump and pay city $4,167.

J. Sax & M. W. Lach—to demolish pump and pay city $1,111.11.

American Building Wrecking Company—to demolish pump and charge city $14,885.

Angelo Grande—to demolish pump and charge city $15,000.

The high bidder, Shaughnessy & Ahern Company, is thoroughly equipped and experienced for handling work of this type, which requires the services of expert riggers. I recommend, therefore, that your Honor ask the City Council to approve this sale.

The purpose of demolishing the pump is to dispose of obsolete equipment.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell to Shaughnessy & Ahern for the sum of $5,225, an old and abandoned Leavitt steam pump at the Calf Pasture Pumping Station in Dorchester, in accordance with the proposals received by the Public Works Department on February 21, 1950.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LEASE OF OLD STATE HOUSE TO BOSTONIAN SOCIETY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel and an order authorizing the leasing of the Old State House to the Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years.

The society now occupies the Old State House under a twenty-year lease which expires on May 17, 1950. The building has been cared for and preserved by this society for a long period of time, thereby rendering an outstanding service to the people of Boston at great saving to the city.

The society is now desirous of renewing this lease for an additional period of twenty years. The public interest in maintaining and preserving this historical shrine can in no way be better served than by permitting the Bostonian Society to continue the present arrangement, and I, therefore, recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At your request, I have had prepared the attached order for presentation to the City Council, authorizing the Mayor of Boston to execute a lease of the Old State House at the corner of Washington street and State street to the Bostonian Society for a term of twenty (20) years. The present lease to the society expires on the 17th day of May, 1950.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

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Whereas, By chapter 385 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1907, the Legislature of the said Commonwealth ordered that the Old State House at the corner of Washington street and State street in said Boston should be preserved as a historical memorial, and that no part thereof should be used for commercial or business purposes; and

Whereas, By an instrument in writing dated May 17, 1930, the said premises were leased to the Bostonian Society, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes set forth in the charter of said Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years, and at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, under the terms and conditions set forth in said lease; and

Whereas, The said Bostonian Society is desirous of leasing the said premises for a further period of twenty years at the same rental; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to the Bostonian Society, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston and in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston, a lease wherein the said City of Boston leases to the said Bostonian Society the Old State House situated at the corner of said Washington street and said State street, for a term of twenty years at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, the said lease to be upon such terms and conditions and with such reservations as his Honor the Mayor may deem expedient.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF SPECTACLE ISLAND LAND TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith attached communications from the Public Works Commissioner and the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to two parcels of foreclosed land at Spectacle Island, East Boston.

I respectfully recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying orders transferring this land from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the Public Works Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
February 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
My dear Mr. Mayor:

There are at the present time two parcels of foreclosed land located at Spectacle Island, East Boston, containing 2,272,823 square feet and 559,796 square feet, respectively, under the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Inasmuch as this Board has no immediate use for the above-mentioned land and as it has no resale value at the present time, except as a site for a refuse dump, it would be more advantageous for the city to retain ownership. By a vote, dated January 13, 1950, the Board of Real Estate Commissioners recommended that by order of the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, said care, custody, management, and control of said land be transferred from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care custody, control, and management of the Public Works Department.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

For the past thirty-eight years, this department and contractors working under the direction of the department have been using Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor as a site for the disposal of refuse materials.

It is an ideal location for a refuse dump, because it is far removed from any residential or industrial properties, and it contains large areas of solid fill and flats that can be filled advantageously.

The Board of Real Estate Commissioners has acquired by foreclosure, due to nonpayment of taxes, two large parcels of land located on the island. The only other large parcel of land on the island that can be utilized to good advantage for the dumping of refuse is owned by the Coleman Disposal Company, the contractor who has a contract with the department at the present time for the disposal of refuse collected in various sections of the city.

As the Board of Real Estate Commissioners has no use for this land, and as it has no resale value at the present time, except as a site for a refuse dump it would be to the advantage of the city to retain ownership of the property, because it will permit the Public Works Department to control a major item in the disposal contract, with the result that we may be able to acquire the additional items that are needed to provide for competitive bidding in connection with the disposal contract.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that you forward to the City Council, for approval of that Body, the attached order, which provides for the transfer of about 2,832,619 square feet of land on Spectacle Island from the jurisdiction of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the jurisdiction of this department.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Whereas, By a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated June 22, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5779, page 179, on land, with the buildings thereon, on Spectacle Island, between an estate now or formerly of the United States of America and an estate now or formerly of City of Boston, and supposed to contain about two million two hundred seventy-two thousand eight hundred twenty-three (2,272,823) square feet; and

Whereas, The City of Boston, by a decree of the Land Court dated July 1, 1949, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6160, page 294, on about five hundred fifty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-six (559,796) square feet of land, with the buildings thereon, on the south end of Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor, bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by an estate now or formerly of Coleman Disposal Company; southeasterly by said estate now or formerly of Coleman Disposal Company; southwesterly, westerly, and northwesterly by mean low water mark, being a parcel of land appearing on Chas. H. Derby plan, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4411, page 344, said land is situated in Block Spectacle Island, in the East Boston district, shown on the Boston assessors' plans of said city, filed in the office of the Board of Assessors; and

Whereas, The Public Works Department has requested that the aforesaid parcels of foreclosed tax title properties be transferred to that department; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid parcels of foreclosed tax title property be, and the same hereby are, transferred from the care, custody, control, and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the care, custody, control and management of the Public Works Department, for Public Works Department purposes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward Barker, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

John J. Dwyer, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Leo J. Glennon, for compensation for damage to property at 64 Montvale street, caused by break in sewer pipe.

Kathryn A. Hodgins, for compensation for loss of fur coat at Roxbury Evening High School.

George R. Hurley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Mayor's office.

Nicholas G. Kapelor, for refund on fee paid for automatic amusement device.

Ruth Lewis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 48 and 50 Hanover street.

Harold J. Mahoney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Angelo J. Marseglia, for compensation for damage to car by police cruising car.

Curtis E. Pike, for compensation for damage to car by sanding truck.

John P. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 19 Harwich street.

Executive.

Petition of Elizabeth Hendrickson to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Guy H. Hendrickson, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement:

Skating Club of Boston, Boston Garden, April 1 and 2.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

NOTICES OF DENIALS OF APPEALS.

Notices were received from the State Department of Public Safety as follows:

Notice of denial of appeal of Mary C. Dodds re granting of license to Irving Rocklin to erect lubritorium garage and to keep gasoline at 291 Norfolk street, Dorchester.

Notice of denial of appeal of Mary A. Aspell re granting of license to Parkway Oil Company to erect lubritorium garage, and for keeping and sale of gasoline, oil and grease at 1200 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury.

Notice of denial of appeal of Zeke Cefalo re granting of license to Thomas P. Buckley to erect lubritorium garage and keeping and sale of gasoline and oil at 56 Beech street, West Roxbury.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearings to be held as follows:

Hearing to be held March 22 at 11 A.M. on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad for discontinuance of passenger trains on Saturday on Lexington Branch.

Hearing to be held on April 18 at 10 A.M. on investigation by the Department as to propriety of rates and charges of Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Dana Somes, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, of interest in contract given by Boston Housing Authority to firm of Somes, Griswold, Boyden, Wylde, Ames, to prepare a topographical survey.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FREDERICK T. DESMOND.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of appointment of Frederick T. Desmond, 24 Dighton street, Brighton, as First Assistant Assessor at salary of $3,000 a year.

Placed on file.

COMPLAINT BUREAU AT CITY HALL.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of combining the Municipal Employment Bureau with a new complaint bureau to be located in City Hall, complaints from all departments to come through a cen-

tral office and followed through to completion, giving a public service to which the taxpayers are entitled.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUSINESS MANAGER FOR CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of appointing a business manager to handle the business and maintenance division of the Boston City Hospital and have Dr. Manary handle the professional and medical departments of this institution. In this efficient manner a great saving of the taxpayers' dollars could become a reality.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FEDERAL FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE ACT.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the New England Delegation of the U. S. Congress and Senate be informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that a meeting assembled Monday, February 27, of the Boston City Council recorded themselves in favor of a strong Fair Employment Practice Act under Federal control and jurisdiction; be it further

Ordered, That the New England membership of the Congress and Senate study the advisability of voting in the affirmative so equality and opportunity will be assured to all regardless of race, creed, or color in the securing of employment in industries throughout America.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFERENCE ON PRESENT AUTOMOBILE TAGGING SYSTEM.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner and the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to come before the Boston City Council in executive session for the purpose of discussing the present tagging system which has created an unwarranted hardship on the citizens of Boston and that the said system of tagging is being done indiscriminately without proper consideration of present parking conditions in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEAD TAX ON NONRESIDENTS EMPLOYED IN BOSTON.

President HURLEY read a communication from Joseph Beth, President of Boston City Hospital Employees' Association, advising of a hearing to be held in Room 407, State House, on March 1, at 10 A.M., on imposition of head tax on nonresidents of Boston who are employed in the city.

LIBRARY BRANCH IN FRANKLIN PARK AREA.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately study the advisability of the erection of a $100,000 library in the Franklin Park area in their 1950 library expansion program.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred February 6) for sale of land on Park street, Dorchester, to Wonder Laundries Company, Inc., for $250—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on passage of the order. The roll was called and the order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 11, nays 7:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Chase, Cook, Hurley, Lane, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy—11.

Nays—Councilors Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hannon, Lanigan, McCormack, Wenzler—7.

On motion of Councilor Ansel the foregoing vote was reconsidered.

On further motion of Councilor Ansel the order was laid on the table.

SIDEWALKS ON SHERMAN STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the brick sidewalks on Sherman street, Ward 12, with granolithic sidewalks.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESOLUTION RE STATE CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Whereas, The security of our nation is of paramount concern and civilian defense measures are vital to that security; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled approves passage of House Bill No. 1840 providing for a State Civilian Defense Commission; and

That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled urges his Honor the Mayor to confer with all department heads to set up measures for civilian defense and to see to it that all future construction by the City of Boston be made in cooperation with federal defense officials with a view to proper construction for defense purposes, so far as atomic or other aerial bombardment affects the city, in the event of sudden aggressive attack.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHRONICALLY ILL INFANTS.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish suitable accommodations for the care and treatment of chronically ill infants.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

EXTENDING PROVISIONS FOR VETERANS' SQUARES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow squares to be named in honor of veterans whether there are two corners or four corners.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS ON EAST SECOND STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the red brick sidewalks on East Second street, South Boston, between N and P streets, with cement sidewalks.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLACING OF CERTAIN UNFORTUNATES ON WELFARE ROLLS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the circumstances whereby 600 men are being served meals daily at St. Francis Refuge on Albany street, Boston, with a view to placing these unfortunates on the welfare rolls, wherever possible.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare.

STAGGER SYSTEM IN EVICTION OF HOUSING PROJECT TENANTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a stagger system in sending out eviction notices to tenants of public housing developments whose incomes are excessive so that those with the lowest incomes will be the last to receive notices of evictions; also, provide that all tenants to be evicted shall receive at least a year to secure housing accommodations.

On motion of Councilor Chase the order was amended by striking out all words after the word "also" and inserting the following words "provided that those tenants earning not in excess of $60 a week be given one year's notice before eviction."

On motion of Councilor Linehan to reconsider the foregoing vote on the amendment, the motion to reconsider was lost. The rules were suspended and the order as amended was passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the Council voted at 3.45 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order at 6.30 P.M. by Chairman SULLIVAN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing lease of Old State House to Bostonian Society for twenty years—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for sale of abandoned steam pump at Calf Pasture Pumping Station for $5,225—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred February 20) for sale of obsolete fire apparatus for $958.20—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

4. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) transferring land on Spectacle Island from Real Estate Commission to Department of Public Works—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

5. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred February 20) re cooperation agreement between City of Boston and Boston Housing Authority—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

PREFERENCE IN SALE OF RESIDENCES UNDER VETERANS' HOUSING ACT.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of Senate Bill No. 299, entitled "An Act to Provide Certain Preferences in the Sale of Residences Constructed Under the Provisions of the Veterans' Housing Act," subsection (e) of which provides that "in offering residences for sale constructed under this section preference to potential buyers shall be given whenever reasonably possible as follows: (1) veteran tenants of such residences; (2) all other World War II veterans as covered by chapter 200 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eigbt; (3) surviving widows and mothers of said veterans of World War II; (4) all other United States war veterans and their surviving widows or mothers as long as the veteran was discharged from the United States military service under conditions other than dishonorable; (5) all other resident citizens of the city or town in which the said residences are located; (6) all other citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; (7) an urban redevelopment corporation; and (8) all others." Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

ENDORSEMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. 300.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of Senate Bill No. 300, entitled "An Act Relative to Computing of Annual Aggregate Incomes of Tenants in Low Income Housing Projects," subsection (c) of which is amended to provide that "in computing the aggregate annual income of a tenant in a housing project financed by the state, city, town or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts any United States war veteran disability compensation benefits received by the tenant from the federal, state of Massachusetts or any of its political subdivisions shall be excluded." Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Massachusetts Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 6.40 P.M., on motion of Councilor Hannon, to meet on Monday, March 6, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 6, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber at 2 P.M., President HURLEY presiding. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

LETTER FROM DOMINICAN NUNS OF WEST SPRINGFIELD.

President HURLEY read a communication from the Dominican nuns of West Springfield thanking the members and attaches of the Council for the message of sympathy and memorial gift sent on death of Mother Prioress, Mother Mary Magadalen.

Coun. ANSEL in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear April 3, 1950:

John Grana, Ward 1; Peter M. LeBlanc, Ward 1; Antonio Sforza, Ward 1; James V. Gallarelli, Ward 2; George W. Kelly, Ward 2; Joseph Toscano, Ward 3; Joseph M. Stone, Ward 4; Charles R. Fernald, Ward 6; John J. McDonald, Ward 6; William Joseph McDonald, Ward 7; George McHugh, Ward 8; Daniel A. Gould, Ward 9; Charles A. Sullivan, Ward 10; John J. Dailey, Ward 11; James A. Goode, Ward 11; William L. Maze, Ward 11; William F. Joyce, Ward 12; Morris Rudkin, Ward 12; Gregory P. Bowes, Ward 13; Patrick J. Kirwan, Ward 13; Joseph H. Page, Ward 13; Arthur J. Cronin, Ward 14; Frank H. Berry, Ward 16; John F. Egan, Ward 16; James McPartland, Ward 16; Thomas Connor, Ward 17; Dominick A. Gerardi, Ward 17; Arthur J. Hutchinson, Ward 17; Christopher F. Lee, Ward 17; Harry B. Wells, Ward 17; George M. Woodward, Ward 17; George R. MacLeod, Ward 18; John M. Martin, Ward 18; James M. Brothers, Ward 19; John M. Therio, Ward 19; Frank W. Bruggeman, Ward 20; Ernest A. Hagland, Ward 20; Harold H. MacDonald, Ward 21; George R. Sheeran, Ward 21; Joseph J. Doucette, Ward 22; Charles J. Popp, Ward 22.

One hundred sixty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear April 3, 1950:

John Arena, Ward 1; Nicholas V. Bellusci, Ward 1; Leo B. Callahan, Ward 1; Francis L. Damelgo, Ward 1; Vincenzo DeGregorio, Ward 1; Leo DeModena, Ward 1; George DiLorenzo, Ward 1; Michael DiNatale, Ward 1; Pasquale Durante, Ward 1; David Frank, Ward 1; Michael Halle, Ward 1; Francis E. Kirby, Ward 1; William J. McCaul, Ward 1; Vincent Popeo, Ward 1; William G. Sheehan, Ward 1; Stephen Siraco, Ward 1; John Sirianni, Ward 1; Joseph F. Wardell, Ward 1; Alfred V. Ahern, Ward 2; John R. Fitzpatrick, Ward 2; William E. Grace, Ward 2; John J. King, Ward 2; John P. McGuinness, Ward 2; William T. Rock, Ward 2; Pasquale Cassese, Ward 3; Samuel Cutler, Ward 3; David Denner, Ward 3; Anthony Falco, Ward 3; Anthony Pagliuca, Ward 3; Louis Plange, Ward 3; Accurzio G. Tortorici, Ward 3; Michael F. Ulchak, Ward 3; Phillip E. Baxter, Ward 4; John J. MacDougall, Ward 4; John A. MacNeil, Ward 4; James H. McRae, Ward 4; Francis S. Mason, Ward 4; Clarence R. Stanloy, Ward 4; Joseph Sullivan, Ward 4; Raymond L. Wade, Ward 4; Frederick A. Wilson, Ward 4; George C. Wilson, Ward 4; Henry C. Zimmer, Ward 4; Louis Blair, Ward 5; Henry C. Burr, Ward 5; Lorenzo S. Doten, Ward 5; Alexander Fournier, Ward 5; Abraham F. Goldberg, Ward 5; Harry M. Platt, Ward 5; Joseph Masionis, Ward 6; John T. Biggi, Ward 7; Arthur V. Mulligan, Ward 7; Herbert F. O'Neill, Ward 7; William H. Woods, Ward 7; Walter G. Daly, Ward 8; Henry C. DeForge, Ward 8; Joseph G. Elmo, Ward 8; Joseph L. Haley, Ward 8; Francis Killilea, Ward 8; Alfred Lambiase, Ward 8; James H. Walker, Ward 8.

Harry J. Dermody, Ward 9; Joseph T. Higgins, Ward 9; Rogers L. Holt, Ward 9; Francis R. Johnson, Ward 9; Robert Simoneau, Ward 9; Walter Gainville, Ward 10; Robert E. Gould, Ward 10; Albert C. Lombardi, Ward 10; William V. Mackenzie, Ward 10; Thomas W. McWhirk, Ward 10; Patrick J. Moriarty, Ward 10; William J. Murphy, Ward 10; George Laing, Ward 11; William T. McCann, Ward 11; David H. Morris, Ward 11; Edward M. Weeman, Ward 11; Fred S. Bainton, Ward 12; Ralph E. Baker, Ward 12; Joseph Bloom, Ward 12; Arthur Call, Ward 12; Joseph E. Eichorn, Ward 12; Donald E. Francis, Ward 12; John H. Jones, Ward 12; Joseph A. Miett, Ward 12; James N. Morrison, Ward 12; Dennis H. Riordan, Ward 12; Martin J. Williams, Ward 12; Charles J. Barnes, Ward 13; John A. Ferroli, Ward 13; Paul Giampietro, Ward 13; Willard M. Hanna, Ward 13; Calvin F. Hooper, Ward 13; Timothy G. Lawson, Ward 13; Frederick T. Morse, Ward 13; Harry F. Pursey, Ward 13; Robert J. Rachin, Ward 13; Joseph B. Sharples, Ward 13; Harry Tyler Albert, Ward 14; Sam Baxter, Ward 14; Yale Canter, Ward 14; Charles Cohen, Ward 14; Maurice D. Cohen, Ward 14; Irving Glickman, Ward 14; Harry Kaplan, Ward 14; Saul Kaplan, Ward 14; Louis Oren, Ward 14; Melvin A. Shone, Ward 14; Sidney Weiner, Ward 14; Francis R. Corcoran, Ward 15; Edward P. Donovan, Ward 15; Thomas J. Eagan, Ward 15; William E. Hookway, Ward 15; Walter C. Kirkland, Ward 15; John T. Rigney, Ward 15; Andrew Buttimer, Ward 16; Henry R. Dyson, Ward 16; Henry L. Hagerty, Ward 16; Charles G. Kelley, Ward 16; Edward W. Sheehan, Ward 16; Francis H. Foley, Ward 17; John Jacobus, Ward 17; Leslie M. Jordan, Ward 17; Thomas J. Killian, Ward 17; Baldwin L. E. Wassmus, Ward 17.

Edward J. Browne, Ward 18; Frank E. Cannon, Ward 18; Francis A. Carey, Ward 18; James B. Flaherty, Ward 18; John Green, Ward 18; Peter H. Jones, Ward 18; Herbert Kraus, Ward 18; Bernard J. McGee, Ward 18; Primo Richard Mola, Ward 18; Thomas F. Powers, Jr., Ward 18; Roger J. Rush, Ward 18; Benjamin H. Wood, Ward 18; Foster A. Yeadon, Ward 18; Charles B. Balch, Ward 19; Paul Bratenas, Ward 19; Dennis J. Doherty, Ward 19; David P. Evans, Ward 19; LeRoy G. Henderson, Ward 19; Joseph N. Petrone, Ward 19; Joseph F. Birmingham, Ward 20; Ernest T. Chadie, Ward 20; Joseph F. Cronin, Ward 20; William F. Donohue, Ward 20; John Frew, Ward 20; John P. Galvin, Ward 20; Hugh A. Gillis, Ward 20; Thomas Keane, Ward 20; Edward Joseph O'Neill, Ward 20; Kenneth G. Brace, Ward 21; Paul F. Burden, Ward 21; Matthew J. Crane, Ward 21; Samuel A. D'Alessio, Ward 21; George A. Enos, Ward 21; Thomas F. Granahan, Ward 21; Andrew C. Hudak, Ward 21; Thomas J. Swift, Ward 22.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY in the chair.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables, without authority to serve civil process and to serve without bond, for term

ending April 30, 1950: George A. Martin, 141 Arlington street, Boston, vice George H. Martin, resigned; John Fleming, 424 East Sixth street, South Boston, vice Francis Coleman, resigned.

Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1950: John J. McDonough, 23 Claybourne street, Dorchester.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

ENLARGING PROVISIONS FOR NAMING OF SQUARES IN HONOR OF VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning the allowance of squares to be named in honor of veterans whether there are two corners or four corners.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of your communication of March 1, enclosing copy of order introduced in the Council by Councilor Wenzler requesting that squares be named in honor of veterans whether there are two or four corners.

The above matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the committee which will be held during the month of April.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PARKING ON ISLAND AREA OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the utilizing of the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles by residents.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of February 20:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to utilize the island area on Columbia road, Dorchester, for the parking of automobiles by residents.

At the present time, the roadway area on one side of Columbia road is 33 feet wide, the other side is 29 feet wide, and the center reservation is constructed to a width of 25 feet, making a total in all of 87 feet.

The present plans of the department provide for the reduction in width of the existing 25-foot island to a center divisional island, 7 feet wide, and for the construction of two 40-foot roadway areas on both sides of the center island.

While it would be desirable to create additional parking areas in Columbia road, it would be most inadvisable to utilize the existing center island for parking purposes, because parking in the center of a high-speed, heavily-traveled, double-barreled highway is contrary to accepted safety standards, and unquestionably an increase in accidents would result on Columbia road if parking were permitted.

It would be equally dangerous if parking were permitted alongside the 7-foot divisional island that we intend to install in connection with the proposed reconstruction that is to be done this year. In general, no parking should ever be permitted in the center of a double-barreled highway where the volume of traffic would be comparable to that using Columbia road subsequent to the completion of the reconstruction work.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SELECTION OF QUEEN FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 6, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the general secretary of the Boston Jubilee relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the selection of a Queen during the conduct of the colorful pageant which is to be held in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee in our city in May.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Chamber of Commerce,
March 1, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

In regard to your memorandum of February 23 concerning the proposal by the City Council that the Jubilee committee consider the naming of a Queen, you will be interested to know that this project has been very much in the forefront of the thinking of the publicity group.

As a matter of fact, we expect to have complete plans ready for publication in the newspapers before the end of the week.

Cordially yours,
I. D. CHAMBERLIN,
General Secretary, Boston Jubilee.

Placed on file.

REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN LIBRARY EMPLOYEES FOR LOSSES BY THEFT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 2, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Director of the Public Library of the City of Boston relative to reimbursement to certain members of the Library staff for the monetary loss sustained by them on December 22, 1949, when a safe containing their salaries was removed from the Central Library building by thieves.

Pending before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives is a petition to authorize the City of Boston to reimburse these employees for the loss sustained. Under Joint Rule 7B the preliminary approval of

the Mayor and City Council is required before this petition can be released to the appropriate committee.

Accordingly, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Public Library of the City of Boston,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On Thursday evening December 22, 1949, shortly after 10 P.M., three unidentified men entered the Central Library building, attacked and trussed up the watchman, and removed a small safe from the premises. In the safe there were envelopes containing the sum of $1,155.21, representing salaries of members of the staff who were absent when the paymaster had come that day and who had asked to have the money collected for them in their absence and held until they should be on duty next time. I am sending herewith on separate sheets itemized lists of the individuals who sustained loss in the theft of the safe. Exploration of the possibility of reimbursement has indicated that the city is without power to make a second payment to those individuals who lost ther salaries unless authorization to do so is given by the Legislature.

Through the efforts of the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association a bill has been filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives relative to the reimbursement of those individuals who sustained loss. However, as a prerequisite to legislative action in the current session, it is necessary that a suspension of House Rule 7B be effected by the approval of the bill by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Boston.

Mr. William Kerr of the Law Department has advised the representatives of the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association in the handling of this matter and has prepared for them the bill which has been filed in the House of Representatives and the approval order for presentation to the City Council. Copies of these items are being sent to you herewith.

In order that the members of the Library staff may be reimbursed for the loss which they sustained in the safe robbery, we respectfully request that action be taken along the lines mentioned above in order that the bill may be brought before the current session of the Legislature.

Respectfully,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

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List of Individuals Whose Pay Was Lost in Safe Robbery December 22, 1949 (Full Time).

Book Stack Service.—Rose S. Sanft, $31.32; Helen R. McMahon, $6.90; Flora A. Ennis, $59.24; Santa C. Koster, $55.66; Florence E. McCarthy, $41; Deidre M. Barry, $36.17; Sarah Kushner, $37.79; Mary G. Chipman, $37.64.

General Reference.—John M. Carroll, $83.16; Charles L. Higgins, $62.51; Laura W. Nitchie, $46.56.

Reference Division Office.—Laura V. Abate, $30.42.

Science and Technology.—Loraine A. Sullivan, $70.88.

Teachers.—Anna L. Manning, $73.93.

Buildings.—James F. Griffin, $52.25.

Open Shelf.—Lydia A. Palladino, $61.69.

Registration.—Josephine M. DeLuca, $36.60; Gertrude E. Stuhl, $42.37.

Young People's Room.—Anne P. Connors, $15.21; Anne E. Armstrong, $51.53; Harriet Balcom, $10.80; Evelyn B. Marden, $17.27.

List of Individuals Whose Pay Was Lost in Safe Robbery, December 22, 1949 (Part Time).

Book Stack Service.—Joyce Balansky, $2.20; Ida K. Fenter, $6.66; Althea E. Howard, $10.80; Gertrude A. Madden, $4.80; Domenic J. Maio, $6.50; Eleanor M. McCarthy, $4.80; Mildred T. Morrissey, $11.25; Noreen A. Murray, $9.75; Claire M. O'Donnell, $2.20; Mary E. Tarpey, $5.60; Helen L. Yee, $7.20.

General Reference.—Thomas J. Clougher, $13.80; William J. Zumwalt, $12.95.

History.—Alfred Leventon, $14.10.

Patent Room.—Paul W. McGillicuddy, $19.70.

Periodical and Newspaper.—Paul F. Sweeney, $15.35; Cornelius McGillicuddy, $8.80.

Science and Technology.—John P. Davey, $4.20.

Teachers.—Barbara E. Cotter, $4.55; Eleanor M. McCarthy, $3.90.

Open Shelf.—George A. Vazakas, $4.90.

Young People's Room.—Jean Northrop, $20.30.

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Resolved, That the petition of Representatives Edmond J. Donlan, John F. Collins, James C. Bayley, and James F. Condon for legislation authorizing the City of Boston to reimburse certain employees for loss resulting from a certain theft be, and hereby is, approved.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

INCREASED FEES FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 6, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to an increase of fees for the use of the Franklin Park and George Wright municipal golf courses, with the intention of placing these courses on a self-sustaining basis.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying ordinance to effectuate this purpose.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

About two weeks ago at your request we forwarded to you for your information and study a report on the financial status of the George Wright and Franklin Park municipal golf courses, and we recommended therein a scale of golf fees as follows:

Franklin Park course.—Annual membership fee, $20; Saturday, Sunday, and holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.), 50 cents.

George Wright course.—Annual membership fee, $30; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, and holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

This is an increase of $5 on annual memberships and $1 on Saturday, Sunday, and holiday fees at Franklin Park; and an increase of $5 on annual memberships, or $8 with locker included, at the George Wright course.

The increased revenue, based on the same membership as last year, would put both courses on a more nearly self-sustaining basis. The fees suggested are the same as those charged by the Metropolitan District Commission on its two comparable courses, one at Riverside and the other at Ponkapog.

The fees now in existence were originally established under the provisions of chapter 571 of the Acts of 1910, which authorized department heads, with the approval of the Mayor, to establish certain fees and charges. Under the provisions of chapter 222 of the Acts of 1949, the 1910 Act was repealed, and the city was given general authority to es-

tablish by ordinance fees and charges for the various special privileges and services it renders.

I, therefore, submit for your approval and subsequent recommendation to the City Council the establishment of a schedule of fees at Franklin Park and George Wright golf courses as listed above.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

City of Boston,
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Fees for Use of Municipal Golf Courses.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting the following new clause:

26. The fees for the playing of golf on the municipal golf courses shall be as follows:

Franklin Park course.—Annual membership fee, $20; Saturday, Sunday, and holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.), 50 cents.

George Wright course.—Annual membership fee, $30; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, and holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Louis Armata, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Causeway street.

Francis A. Costello, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

George F. Day, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Percy Fabiano, Jr., for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

John F. Gallagher, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Lina H. Gaunt, to be reimbursed for damages incurred in forced auctions of real estate.

Alfred Goscinak, for cempensation for damage to car by police wagon.

Arthur P. Larvey, Jr., for compensation for injuries incurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Robert S. Levin, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Frances R. Lord et al., for compensation for injuries and damage to car by fire truck.

Edward F. Murdock, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Ida Schneider, to be reimbursed for loss of water meter taken by Public Works Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Ruggles Street Bowling Alleys, by Frank J. DeSisto 5 Ruggles street, Roxbury, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement:

Rev. Thomas J. Burns, Timilty School Hall, March 12 and 13.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Harold Blander, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from M. P. Ellis, member of Board of Appeal, of interest in contract awarded him by Boston Public Library.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF VERONICA C. NAGLE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Mrs. Veronica C. Nagle, 46 Pleasant Hill avenue, Dorchester, to be Deputy Institutions Commissioner in Institutions Department vice Anna M. Mackay, resigned.

Placed on file.

OPENING OF MYSTIC RIVER BRIDGE.

Notice was received from the Mystic River Bridge Authority of opening of Mystic River Bridge to vehicular traffic on February 27, 1950, and discontinuance of traffic on present bridge known as Chelsea North Bridge.

Placed on file.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILOR SHANLEY.

By unanimous consent Councilor Shanley made a statement regarding the drive by city employees for purchase of television sets for patients in the city institutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred February 27) of Solomon Spack and Thomas A. Riley, Jr., as Constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1950—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Chase. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

ERECTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 10.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Department be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of erecting a municipal building in Ward 10, Roxbury. The land for this building was purchased by the City of Boston, and a sum of $339,000 was appropriated in 1945. The land is located on Tremont street, adjacent to the Public Library.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ROBERT A. MURRAY.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Ipswich street and Boylston street, Ward 5, in honor of Robert A. Murray, who heroically sacrificed his life in the service of his country in the Pacific on September 23, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF H. STANTON KELLY, JR.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Belvidere street and Massachusetts avenue, Ward 5, in honor of H. Stanton Kelly, Jr., who heroically sacrified his life in the service of his country in the Pacific on January 17, 1944.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF PAUL M. HALLORAN.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered. That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the junction of East Third street and Farragut road, Ward 6, in honor of Paul M. Halloran, a navigator with Squadron 10, based on the U.S.S. "Enterprise," aircraft carrier, who has been missing in action since attacking an enemy ship on November 14, 1942, off Rendova Island, in the vicinity of Guadalcanal, and who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEVISION SETS AT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Institutions Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish television sets to the Long Island Hospital at the expense of the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MEMBERSHIP OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Coun. HURLEY and LINEHAN offered the following:
Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council in meeting assembled hereby favor the enactment of legislation providing that the Medical Examiners of Suffolk County be eligible for membership in the retirement system of the County of Suffolk.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF BOSTON COMMON UNDERGROUND GARAGE.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take such steps as are necessary with city officials, state officials, and business men for immediate construction of the Boston Common underground garage.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR B. A. A. MARATHON RACE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, directed to rope off the streets along the route of the Annual B. A. A. Marathon race to be conducted on Wednesday, April 19, 1950, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LICENSE FEES FOR PORTABLE CANTEENS, ETC.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Corporation Counsel to draw up an ordinance for submission to the City Council to provide proper fees for the licensing of portable canteens, ice cream vendors, etc.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTIFICATION TO CERTAIN PERSONS OF RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the various department heads before whom are held public hearings on various matters to notify the same people who are invited to attend the hearing what the result of said hearing is, as soon as a decision is reached on such matter.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECT ON FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey on the immediate advisability of the demolition of the present temporary housing units at Franklin Field and the placing on that site at said Franklin Field in Dorchester of a permanent housing project on a low-cost level; and be it further
Ordered, That if said survey shows that the site is advantageous for permanent construction, the Boston Housing Authority request the Corporation Counsel to immediately draft a special act to be filed with the Legislature for immediate organization to permit the Boston Housing Authority to make such construction possible, and in the event this site shall not be taken, other housing shall be made available for the tenants in said temporary project.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RENT CONTROL ACT.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston City Council, through his Honor the Mayor, goes on record as favoring a strong rent control act by the federal government, and that it is the opinion of the members of the Boston City Council that such an act will serve the best interests of the citizens of Boston, and be it further
Ordered, That the New England delegation to the Congress of the United States be requested to study the advisability of continuing such an act for another year.
The rules were suspended, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.
The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION TO BE SUPERVIZED BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHERE POSSIBLE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study, wherever possible, the advisability of any construction to be undertaken by the Public Works Department, and that it he done under the supervision of the depart-

ment, thus providing an avenue of opportunity for employment to the citizens of Boston who are at present unemployed.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS AT FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability, in his planning for the summer season, of arranging band concerts on Sunday afternoons during June, July, and August at the Franklin Park Bandstand.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF CERTAIN PORTABLE BUILDINGS BY VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of turning over the portable buildings now used by the Old Age section of the Public Welfare Department, at the corner of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, to the Veterans' Allied Council of the Dorchester-Roxbury-Mattapan area to be used on a schedule for meetings of veterans' organizations that are, at present, in dire need of quarters. Said buildings will become vacant upon completion of the health unit center at the corner of Harvard street and Blue Hill avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, According to the civil service manual, the police manual, or the blue book, so called, for many years past, an applicant for the Boston Police Department civil service entrance examination was required to be 5 feet 7 inches in height; and

Whereas, In reliance thereon, a great number of men of that height have expended great amounts of time and large sums of money in preparation for the mental examination, which is scheduled to be held in March, 1950, and have otherwise been put to great inconvenience and expense in the reasonable and honest belief that they would be allowed to take said examination; and

Whereas, The Civil Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with but very little advance notice, has arbitrarily raised the minimum height requirement to 5 feet 8 inches, thus making it impossible for men below that standard, but within the previously existing standard, to qualify; therefore be it

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Civil Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a view to restoring the 5-foot, 7-inch requirement for applicants taking the Boston Police Department examination to be held in 1950; and be it further

Ordered, That copies of this order be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts and to the Civil Service Committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RELAXING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature which will fully authorize the Boston Housing Authority to build veterans' housing on any salable piece of land or on sites which, in the opinion of the Authority, are available within the City of Boston, without interference by the Zoning Board.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights at the corner of Payson avenue and Glendale street, and at the corner of Glen and Glendale streets, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS FOR SURGICAL BUILDING.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately take steps to purchase electric refrigerators for the surgical building of the Boston City Hospital.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAINTING CONTRACT OF BRADLEY COMPANY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Law Department to confer with the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital with a view to either forcing the Bradley Company to conform with stipulations of its painting contract or to take steps to break the contract now in existence for nonperformance of a contract obligation.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND IN WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase or take by eminent domain the land in Ward 20, West Roxbury, bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street for the purpose of constructing a playground for the small children in the neighborhood.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR MARCH 17 PARADE.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off the streets along the route of the Evacuation Day-St. Patrick's Day parade in South Boston on March 17, 1950, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF SOUTH BOSTON STREETS FOR MARCH 17 PARADE.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the

Mayor, to place all streets and roads in South Boston in proper condition for the parade, March 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHANGE OF BUS ROUTE, SAVIN HILL TO NORTHAMPTON STREET.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor contact Mr. Dana of the MTA relative to changing the present route of the bus line running from Savin Hill to Northampton street and return, so that the new route of this bus line will run from Northampton street, along Washington street, through East Concord street, to Albany street, to Massachusetts avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF PENNIES OR NICKELS IN PARKING METERS IN WARDS 4 AND 5.

Coun. CHASE and YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the adjustment of the parking meters in Wards 4 and 5 so that either pennies or nickels may be used.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROGERS PARK AVENUE PARKING.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Traffic Commissioners be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to restrict Rogers Park avenue parking to only one side of the street adjoining the Rogers Park Playground between the months of April and November to relieve traffic congestion and to prevent a possible fire hazard.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS ON CONVERSE STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works (Street Lighting Division) be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the present gas lamps with electric lights on Converse street in Brighton.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF WACHUSETT STREET AND SIDEWALKS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Wachusett street and the sidewalks, from Weld Hill street to Southbourne road, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPOTLIGHT AT ASTICOU ROAD AND WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have a spotlight put on the traffic officer on duty at the corner of Asticou road and Washington street, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 5.15 P.M., on motion of Councilor Hannon, to meet on Monday, March 13, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 13, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey, Kinsella, Lane, and P. A. Tracy.

The meeting opened with the salute to the Flag.

REPAIRS TO STEPS FROM COLUMBIA ROAD TO CARSON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the making of proper repairs to the cement steps leading from Columbia road to Carson street, adjacent to Columbia Station.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works make proper repairs to the cement steps leading from Columbia road to Carson street, adjacent to Columbia Station, and this will advise you that the local Paving Service district foreman will have the necessary repairs made at this location as soon as suitable weather conditions prevail.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK AT 45 SELKIRK ROAD, WARD 21.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the construction of a granolithic sidewalk at 45 Selkirk road, Ward 21.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works construct a granolithic sidewalk at 45 Selkirk road, Ward 21, and this will advise you that this work will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK AT 833 AND 835 COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of January 16, 1950, concerning the construction of sidewalks at 833 and 835 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works construct sidewalks at 833 and 835 Columbia road, Dorchester, and this will advise you that this work will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of February 6, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Regan road and Galty avenue in Ward 17, and laying a new street and removing the car tracks entirely, if necessary, on Washington street, from Bowdoin street to Talbot avenue, in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Regan road and Galty avenue in Ward 17, and put a new street and remove the car tracks entirely, if necessary, on Washington street, from Bowdoin street to Talbot avenue, in Ward 17, and this will advise you that Regan road and Galty avenue are new streets laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners and plans for construction are now being made by the Highway Division. Provided the sewerage work on these two streets is not too extensive, they will be constructed this year.

Relative to Washington street, this work will be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF SIDEWALKS ON SHERMAN STREET, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to

your order of February 27, 1950, concerning replacing the brick sidewalks on Sherman street, Ward 12, with granolithic sidewalks.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the brick sidewalks on Sherman street, Ward 12, with granolithic sidewalks, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF SIDEWALKS, EAST SECOND STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning replacing the red brick sidewalks on East Second street, South Boston, between N and P streets, with cement sidewalks.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the red brick sidewalks on East Second street, South Boston, between N and P streets, with cement sidewalks, and this will advise you that this sidewalk work will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PRESENT AUTOMOBILE TAGGING SYSTEM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning the Police Commissioner and the Traffic Commissioner appearing before the Boston City Council in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the present tagging system.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated February 27, 1950, Requesting That the Police Commissioner and the Traffic Commissioner Appear Before the Boston City Council in Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Present Tagging System Which Has Created an Unwarranted Hardship on the Citizens of Boston and That the Said System of Tagging Is Being Done Indiscriminately Without Proper Consideration of Present Parking Conditions in the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the subject Council order, please be advised that I will be happy to appear before the Executive Session at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ADJUSTMENT OF PARKING METERS IN WARDS 4 AND 5.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the adjustment of the parking meters in Wards 4 and 5, so that either pennies or nickels may be used.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Arrangements Be Made for the Adjustment of the Parking Meters in Wards 4 and 5 So That Either Pennies or Nickels May Be Used.

Dear Sir:

This request will be placed on the calendar for the next meeting of this commission and I will advise you of the action taken.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ROGERS PARK AVENUE PARKING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the prohibiting of parking on one side of Rogers Park avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Parking Be Prohibited on One Side of Rogers Park Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The above request will be investigated by our engineers, and, upon receipt of their recommendations, I will advise you of the action we take.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BRANCH LIBRARY IN FRANKLIN PARK AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the clerk of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning the advisability of the erection of a $100,000 branch library in the Franklin Park area in connection with their 1950 library building program.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Public Library,
March 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Library I wish to acknowledge receipt of your transmittal of an order of the City Council, under date of February 27, 1950, requesting that, through his Honor the Mayor, the Trustees be asked to study the advisability of the erection of a $100,000 branch library in the Franklin Park area in connection with their 1950 library building program.

This order of the City Council will be brought to the attention of the Trustees upon the occasion of their next meeting.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH B. BROCKUNIER,
Clerk of the Trustees.

Placed on file.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR REFUSE DISPOSAL PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in which he requests an appropriation in the sum of $100,000 for the acquisition of land for refuse disposal purposes.

In the opinion of the Commissioner, it is essential that the city obtain control of certain land sites in order that it may act independently in the matter of disposal of refuse.

I favor the purposes for which the appropriation is requested and I respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In order to insure free and open competitive bidding in connection with garbage and refuse collection contracts, it is most essential for the city to acquire large tracts of land in suitable locations for use in connection with refuse disposal activities.

At the present time, in certain sections of the city, the collection contractor has a monopoly on the contract, because said contractor has acquired control of the only area in the district suitable for the dumping of refuse. In order to eliminate such a condition, therefore, it is most essential for the city to obtain control of such areas.

It is my intention to purchase suitable sites during the current year, and as there is no appropriation available in the department for such purchase, it will be necessary to provide the necessary funds by transferring the sum of $100,000 from the account titled, "Sales of City Property," which is under the control of the City Auditor. I have discussed this matter with the Auditor, and he is agreeable to said transfer.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that you submit to the City Council, for approval of that Body, the attached order, which provides, in substance, for the transfer of $100,000 from the account titled, "Sales of City Property," to the Public Works Department, for the purpose of making said appropriation available for the purpose of acquiring land to be used in connection with refuse disposal activities.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended for the purpose of acquiring lands by purchase, by eminent domain, or otherwise, for the establishment of incinerators and dumps.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Leslie A. Andrews, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 10 Post Office square.

John S. Bohane, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sanitary Division.

Daniel P. Broderick, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Stuart street.

Samuel Brown, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Chelsea and Chestnut streets.

Dr. Joseph H. Carey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Aspinwall road and Dorchester avenue.

Martin J. Carney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Mary E. Connolly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 68 Woodlawn street.

Mary Costa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bromfield street.

William F. Cronin, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Timothy Farrell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 125 South Market street.

Hannah Gloedy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Huntington avenue and West Newton street.

Katherine Goss, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Longwood avenue.

Anita Grady, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 13 Woodrow avenue.

Pearl M. Hamilton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Chester street, Allston.

Thomas C. Harrington, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Fire Department.

Edward L. Hopkins, for compensation for damage to car of Mildred A. Maccubbin, caused by city truck.

Robert G. Kelly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Boylston and Arlington streets.

William J. Kelly, Jr., for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Causeway street and Washington Street North.

Gertrude Kiely, for daughter, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at St. Martin and Bunker Hill streets.

James A. Lynch, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 James street.

Charles Markis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 86 Eutaw street.

Alfred Matarazzo, for compensation for damage to car by car of Fire Department.

Charles J. Murphy, for compensation for damage to car by City Hospital ambulance.

Charlotte J. Noyes, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 75 Strathmore road.

Old Colony Oil Corporation, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Roger W. Provost, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 909 Massachusetts avenue.

Harry E. Roemer, for compensation for damage to car caused by paint from bridge, Old Colony Parkway.

Josephine C. Smith, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mrs. T. H. Williams, for compensation for damage to clothing and injuries caused by an alleged defect in Clearwater Drive.

Mona Wolfson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 27 Brookledge street.

Joseph R. Zine, for compensation for damage to car caused by city truck.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Irving Hersh, Recital Hall, May 14.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Solomon Spack, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on Monday, March 27, at 10 A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority to operate motor vehicles between Watertown-Boston line on Arsenal street bridge and the junction of Western avenue and Market street, over Arsenal street bridge and Western avenue.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on Monday, March 27, at 10 A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority to operate motor vehicles over Hyde Park avenue, between Winthrop street and River street.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held March 23, at 10 A.M., on reopening and rehearing of petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority to operate motor vehicles between junction of Hyde Park avenue and River street and Boston-Dedham line on River street, over River street (Hyde Park district).

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments of Overseers of the Public Welfare Department:

Richard J. Condon, 24 Park street, West Roxbury, for term ending April 30, 1950, vice Thomas M. Gemelli, resigned.

Frank East, 108 Tyndale street, Roslindale, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice P. Edward Murray, resigned.

Harry P. Grages, 25 Pilsudski Way, South Boston, for term ending April 30, 1950, vice Mrs. Julia Laviakas, resigned.

Katherine D. Hardwick, 46 Commonwealth avenue, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice William V. Ward, resigned.

Beulah S. Hester, 38 Howland street, Roxbury, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice J. Joseph Callahan, resigned.

Nicholas Scaramella, 273 Hanover street, for term ending April 30, 1951, vice John J. Kearney, resigned.

Joseph Stefani, 35 North Munroe terrace, Dorchester, for term ending April 30, 1951, vice Mark F. Russo, resigned.

Spencer B. Montgomery, 35 Beacon street, for term ending April 30, 1951, vice Malcolm L. Weymouth, resigned.

Judge John J. Connelly, 135 Perham street, West Roxbury, for term ending April 30, 1950, vice Joseph S. Matachinaskas, resigned.

Henry E. Foley, 166 Moss Hill road, Jamaica Plain, for term ending April 30, 1950, vice Saul Gurvitz, resigned.

Ida M. Kahn, 6 Cummings road, Brighton, for term ending April 30, 1952, vice Louis P. Leonard, resigned.

Severally placed on file.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Notice was received from the Board of Overseers of Public Welfare of organization of Board as follows:

Henry E. Foley, Chairman, Richard J. Condon, Vice Chairman, Spencer B. Montgomery, Treasurer.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred March 6) of George A. Martin and John Fleming, as Constables without authority to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1950—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred March 6) of John J. McDonough, as Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1950—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and appropriation and tax orders for 1950 (referred February 6)—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the appropriation and tax orders for 1950 were passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors, Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilors Cook, Farin—2.

On motion of Councilor Cook to reconsider the foregoing vote the motion was lost, yeas 3, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Cook, Farin, Wenzler—3.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Yerxa—13.

Voting Present—Councilor Linehan—1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred January 30) for sale of land on Columbus avenue and Ritchie street, Roxbury, to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company at private sale for $11,140—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Cook, Hurley, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—13.

Nays—Councilors Bryan, Farin, Hannon—3.

Voting Present—Councilor Yerxa—1.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey to reconsider the foregoing vote the motion was carried. On further motion of Councilor Ramsey the order was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred March 6) concerning fees for use of municipal golf courses—recommending passage of the ordinance in the following new draft:

City of Boston,
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Fees for Use of Municipal Golf Courses.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting the following new clause:

26. The fees for the playing of golf on the municipal golf courses shall be as follows:

Franklin Park course.—Annual membership fee, residents, $20, nonresidents, $25; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.), 50 cents.

George Wright course.—Annual membership fee, residents, $30, nonresidents, $35; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey the ordinance was referred to the Executive Committee.

SUMMER BUS SERVICE TO CITY POINT FOR WARD 14 RESIDENTS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of placing buses at the disposal of patrons in Ward 14 of the Dorchester district to convey them to City Point during the months of June, July, and August.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF PORTABLE BUILDING, WARD 14, AS TEMPORARY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of using the portable building at Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, which is to be abandoned shortly, as a temporary public library in that area, said occupancy to continue until a permanent structure is placed thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WILDER STREET, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of reconstructing Wilder street, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of amending the requirements for the distribution of old age assistance in the City of Boston, and that such study be held in conjunction with state officials. The present plan for the distribution of old age assistance has worked undue hardship and has provided much discomfort and distress to those in need of such assistance.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE IN SOUTH BOSTON MUNICIPAL GYMNASIUM.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a telephone in the South Boston municipal gymnasium for emergency use in case of accident or injury and in order that the person involved may be able to obtain speedy treatment.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to study the advisability of abolishing the Franklin Park and George Wright golf courses and to use the land for the construction of veterans' housing.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

RECESS.

President HURLEY declared a recess at 3.24 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.02 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and resolution (referred March 6) favoring legislation to authorize the City of Boston to re-

imburse certain employees for loss resulting from a theft in Library Department—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

2. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) on increased fees for use of municipal golf courses—recommending passage of the ordinance in the following new draft:

City of Boston,
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Fees for Use of Municipal Golf Courses.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting the following new clause:

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Franklin Park course.—Annual membership fee, residents, $15, nonresidents, $30; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, residents, $1, nonresidents, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.), 50 cents.

George Wright course.—Annual membership fee, residents, $25, nonresidents, $40; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

The report was accepted, and the new draft of the ordinance as submitted by the Executive Committee was passed.

FIVE-CENT FARE FOR CHILDREN DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to urge the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to extend a five-cent fare privilege to child riders of the MTA, between the ages of five and fourteen years, during the period of their summer vacation.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.05 P.M., on motion of Councilor Wenzler, to meet on Monday, March 20, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 20, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member WENZLER in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey, Hurley, and Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDINANCE RE FEES AT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith disapproved, and without my signature, the ordinance passed by your Honorable Body on March 13, 1950, concerning fees for use of municipal golf courses.

This action is taken in view of the communication of the Park Commission which is contained in a separate recommendation which will be forwarded to your Honorable Body this day.

It would appear that the ordinance as adopted by the City Council will increase the revenue at the municipal golf courses by $4,422, whereas the ordinance as originally recommended to the City Council would increase revenue $10,267.

In order that the golf courses may be as nearly self-sustaining as possible, I am, therefore, constrained to veto the ordinance as adopted by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PURCHASE OF FACSIMILE OF "BOOK OF KELLS."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Director of the Boston Public Library relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the obtaining of a facsimile of "The Book of Kells," which has recently been brought into being.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Public Library of the City of Boston,
March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

I wish to acknowledge your recent transmittal of the order of the City Council of February 20, 1950, suggesting that the Boston Public Library obtain a facsimile of "The Book of Kells" which has recently been brought into being.

I am happy to state that the Boston Public Library had already made its decision to obtain a copy of this item at the time that it received formal announcement of its publication some months ago.

When the reproduction has arrived, it will be placed on public display. At that time a formal invitation to the members of the City Council will be extended to visit and inspect this important item.

Yours sincerely,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

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BUS ROUTE FROM SAVIN HILL TO NORTHAMPTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the changing of the present route of the bus line running from Savin Hill to Northampton street and return.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your letter of March 9, with order of the City Council introduced by Councilor Hurley in regard to change in routing of the bus service operated between Savin Hill and Northampton street, a representative of our Transportation Department met Councilor Hurley at the city yard and discussed with him the service now operated during rush hours from Edward Everett square to Northampton street and to Dover street via Washington street, East Concord street, Harrison avenue, East Brookline street, Albany street, Union Park street, Harrison avenue, Dover street to Washington street, and has explained to him why it does not appear to be feasible to change the present routing of the service.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT BUSSEY AND WALTER STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop" sign in Bussey street at Walter street, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated February 20, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a "Stop" Sign in Bussey Street at Walter Street, Ward 20.
Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held March 9, 1950, it was voted to approve the above request, effective March 27, 1950.

The necessary signs to effect this change will be erected at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ROBERT A. MURRAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Ipswich and Boylston streets, Ward 5, in honor of Robert A. Murray.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of Council order of March 6, introduced by Councilor Yerxa, requesting that the square at the intersection of Ipswich and Boylston streets, Ward 5, be named in honor of Robert A. Murray.

In this connection would advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to take place during the first part of April, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF H. STANTON KELLY, JR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Belvidere street and Massachusetts avenue, Ward 5, in honor of H. Stanton Kelly, Jr.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of Council order of March 6, introduced by Councilor Yerxa, requesting that the square at the intersection of Belvidere street and Massachusetts avenue, Ward 5, be named in honor of H. Stanton Kelly, Jr.

In this connection would advise that the next meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans will be held sometime during the first part of April, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF PAUL M. HALLORAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the junction of East Third street and Farragut road, Ward 6, in honor of Paul M. Halloran.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of Council order of March 6, introduced by Councilor Wenzler, requesting that the square at the junction of East Third street and Farragut road, Ward 6, be named in honor of Paul M. Halloran.

In this connection would advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to take place during the first part of April, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STRONG FEDERAL RENT CONTROL ACT.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the favoring of a strong rent-control act by the federal government.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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United States Senate,
March 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, enclosing a copy of the Boston City Council sentiment with respect to a strong rent-control act.

I appreciate your bringing this expression of opinion to my attention.

Sincerely yours,
Leverett Saltonstall,
United States Senator.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the favoring of a strong rent-control act by the federal government.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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United States Senate,
March 13, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Thank you for your letter of March 9 with enclosure.

Insofar as the extension of rent control is concerned, I have felt ever since the end of the war that it should not be abruptly terminated, and at the last session I voted to extend rent control. I still incline strongly to the belief that the time has not arrived when some measure of rent control can safely be completely dispensed with, especially in our urban and industrial centers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.,
United States Senator.

Severally placed on file.

HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TO BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Clerk to the Commission of the Department of Civil Service and Registration relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the restoration of the 5-foot 7-inch requirement for applicants taking the Boston Police Department examination to be held in 1950.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of Civil Service and Registration,
March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the Civil Service Commission to acknowledge your communication of March 8, and to inform you that the civil service rules have, since the year 1884, provided a minimum in the height requirement of 5 feet 8 inches for applicants for the Boston police service, but

that the rules also provide that the Commission may, in time of war or emergency, lower the requirement established in the rule.

The Commission has further asked me to inform you that during the war emergency the height requirement was lowered to 5 feet 7 inches but that in the absence of an emergency the Commission has no authority to reduce the height requirements set forth in the rules. There are over 1,900 applications for the Boston police entrance examination scheduled to be held on March 25, 1950, clearly indicating that no emergency exists at the present time.

I am further instructed by the Commission to inform you that the Commission will be very glad to confer with his Honor the Mayor with reference to the matter should he desire such a conference.

Very truly yours,
ROSE ABRAMS,
Clerk to the Commission.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF COWING STREET, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the acceptance, laying out, and construction of Cowing street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Board receipt of your communication of February 1, enclosing Council order introduced by Councilor Bryan requesting the acceptance, laying out, and construction of Cowing street as a public highway.

I am pleased to advise that the Board ordered this day that surveys be made and a public hearing scheduled for the proposed acceptance of said street.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF HAVEY STREET, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the acceptance, laying out, and construction of Havey street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Board receipt of your communication of February 1, enclosing Council order introduced by Councilor Bryan requesting the acceptance, laying out, and construction of Havey street as a public highway.

I am pleased to advise that the Board ordered this day that surveys be made and public hearings scheduled for the proposed acceptance of said street.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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PLAYGROUND IN WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the purchasing or taking by eminent domain of the land in West Roxbury in Ward 20 bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street for the purpose of constructing a playground for the small children in the neighborhood.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
March 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith communication received from you dated March 9, 1950, enclosing order introduced by Councilor Bryan which should be referred to the Park Commission for attention.

Under section 31, chapter 489, Acts of 1911, it states, "At the request of any department and with the approval of the Mayor, the Board of Street Commissioners may take by eminent domain . . . for any municipal purpose."

As soon as a formal request is received by this Board from the Park Commission, approved by his Honor the Mayor, the same will be given immediate consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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TELEVISION SETS AT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Institutions Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning television sets being furnished at the Long Island Hospital at the expense of the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Institutions Department,
March 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Television Sets Be Furnished at the Long Island Hospital at the Expense of the City of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this department is without funds for installation of television sets at the Long Island Hospital at the present time. Consideration will be given to the above request if money is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. MCGILLIVRAY, Commissioner.

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SUMMER BAND CONCERTS AT FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the advisability, in planning for the summer season, of arranging band concerts on Sunday afternoons during June, July, and August at the Franklin Park Bandstand.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 14, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated March 6, 1950, requesting the Park Commissioner to study the advisability in his planning for the summer season for band concerts on Sunday afternoons during June, July, and August at the Franklin Park Bandstand.

We have made no provisions in our budget to pay for band concerts. In recent years the concerts held throughout the city have been under the auspices of the Director of Public Celebrations in the Mayor's office.

He effected arrangements with the Boston Musicians' Union whereby the expense of these concerts was split equally between the union and the Public Celebrations in the Mayor's office. In other words, the Mayor's office paid for one concert and the Union would pay for the other.

I think if you would discuss this matter with Mr. Louis Brems, he would inform you under what arrangements they operated in the past.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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TELEPHONE IN SOUTH BOSTON GYMNASIUM BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the installation of a telephone in the South Boston municipal gymnasium for emergency use in case of accident or injury and in order that the person involved may be able to obtain speedy treatment.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
March 16, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and City Council order of March 13, 1950, requesting the installation of a telephone in the South Boston municipal gymnasium for emergency use in case of accident or injury and in order to obtain speedy treatment for the person involved, I would advise as follows:

The functions of the South Boston municipal gymnasium come under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, and I would suggest that this matter be taken up with that department.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

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PREFERENCE TO REGISTERED BOSTON OWNERS OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning future snowstorms, where private equipment for snow removal in the City of Boston is used by the Public Works Department, when any overtime is required, owners of equipment registered from a Boston address be given first preference, and also that registered Boston owners of this equipment be the last to be laid off.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on February 20:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, that in future snowstorms, where private equipment for snow removal in the City of Boston is used by the Public Works Department, when any overtime is required, owners of equipment registered from a Boston address be given first preference, and, also, when the plowing for snow removal is near completion, registered Boston owners of this equipment be the last to be laid off."

Upon investigation, I find that there are eight out of approximately two hundred trucks that are used by the department on snowplowing work that are registered outside of the City of Boston. While this percentage is not high, you may be assured that all trucks registered in Boston will be given preference on snowplowing work, particularly in cases where it is necessary, as outlined in the above order, to work overtime or at such times when it is not necessary to keep all two hundred trucks employed.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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CONSTRUCTION BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the advisability of any construction to be undertaken by the Public Works Department and that it be done under the supervision of the department, thus providing an avenue of opportunity for employment to the citizens of Boston who are at present unemployed.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on March 6, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study, wherever possible, the advisability of any construction to be undertaken by the Public Works Department and that it be done under the supervision of the department, thus providing an avenue of opportunity for employment to the citizens of Boston who are at present unemployed."

I am in entire sympathy with the aims and purposes of the order, but, generally speaking, it would be most uneconomical for the city to adopt a modified W.P.A. program whereby large street construction and reconstruction projects would be undertaken on a day-labor basis.

I certainly wish that there was some practical way that I could comply with the provisions of this order, but I do not feel that there is any possibility of its adoption during the current year.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF WACHUSETT STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your

order of March 6, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Wachusett street and the sidewalks from Weld Hill street to Southbourne road in Ward 19.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Wachusett street and the sidewalks from Weld Hill street to Southbourne road in Ward 19, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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CONDITIONING OF STREETS FOR MARCH 17 PARADE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the placing of all streets and roads in South Boston in proper condition for the March 17 parade.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on March 6:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place all streets and roads in South Boston in proper condition for the March 17 parade."

We have already taken steps to clean the route of the parade, as three or four street-cleaning crews have been working on the parade route during the current week.

You may be assured that, unless a large snowstorm intervenes, the route will be in excellent condition for the parade on March 17.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FEES FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a proposed ordinance relative to fees for the use of Franklin Park and George Wright municipal golf courses.

The attached communication from the Park Commission sets forth that the proposed ordinance will increase revenues to the amount of $10,267 for the use of the golf courses. The proposed increases are moderate and have met with no resistance as far as the membership of both clubs is concerned. Consequently, I recommend adoption of the accompanying ordinance by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Fees for Use of Municipal Golf Courses.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting the following new clause:

26. The fees for the playing of golf on the municipal golf courses shall be as follows:

Franklin Park course.— Annual membership fee, residents, $20, nonresidents, $25; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.,) 50 cents.

George Wright course.— Annual membership fee, residents, $30, nonresidents, $35; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $38,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $38,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000, which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars ($38,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

SALE OF STEAMER "STEPHEN J. O'MEARA."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order for the sale of the Institutions' Steamer "Stephen J. O'Meara" at public auction, for not less than $5,000.

The Commissioner of Institutions states, in the accompanying communication, that repairs to the "O'Meara" would cost approximately $50,000. In view of the fact that the new viaduct between Long Island and Moon Island will shortly be constructed, it is felt that this steamer should be disposed of.

I recommend passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Institutions Department,
March 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

As your Honor knows, one of the boats presently in the custody of the Institutions Department is the Steamer "Stephen J. O'Meara":

Gross tonnage, 193; net tonnage, 131; over-all length, 118 feet; length at the water line, 112.8 feet; beam, 22 feet 9 inches; beam at the water line, 22 feet 4 inches; draft, loaded, 13 feet; light, 10.8 feet.

This steamer was built for the Police Department in March, 1931, by George Lawley & Sons at a cost to the city of $199,183.35. In December, 1932, it was transferred to the Institutions Department, which, in 1933, expended $30,000 on it for alterations and additions, and then operated it on the Long Island run until the Coast Guard condemned it in July, 1949. Since then the steamer has been out of commission—its place having been taken by the "James M. Curley," acquired in 1947.

It is estimated that the repairs necessary to put the "O'Meara" in good operating condition would cost $50,000. Such a sum is not available; and, even if it were, I would question the wisdom of such an expenditure at the present time because of the imminence of the construction of the viaduct between Long Island and Moon Island, which will obviate the necessity of maintaining boat service to Long Island.

I am informed that if the "O'Meara" continues to lie idle, it is apt to deteriorate rapidly. Inquiry has disclosed that, as is, the steamer is worth at least $5,000. Therefore, before the boat becomes worthless through deterioration from lying idle, I recommend that it be sold at public auction for not less than $5,000.

Respectfully,
John R. McGillivray,
Commissioner of Institutions.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Institutions be, and he hereby is, authorized to sell the Steamer "Stephen J. O'Meara" at public auction, for not less than $5,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ETC., WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at Huntington avenue and Longwood avenue, in Ward 10, and making the portion of Longwood avenue from St. Alphonsus street to Huntington avenue one way traveling west.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Consideration has been given to Council order of January 30, 1950, requesting the installation of traffic lights at Huntington avenue and Longwood avenue in Ward 10, and making the portion of Longwood avenue from St. Alphonsus street to Huntington avenue one way traveling west.

It appears that Longwood avenue at this point runs into McGreevey Way, which comes to a dead end in the housing project, and, therefore, a one-way regulation would not seem to be practical at this point.

On February 3, 1950, I reported that at the present time there are no funds available to this Commission for the installation of traffic signals, but that a memorandum had been made concerning this request for consideration. Accordingly, further consideration will be given to this matter when money is provided for the installation of traffic signals.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND ON CANAL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston
Office of the Mayor, March 20, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

With the approval of your Honorable Body, a public auction was held on May 4, 1948, for the sale of a parcel of land containing approximately 8,858 square feet, together with the building thereon, located at 53–85 Canal street, Boston Proper, at an upset price of $125,000. I am informed that at the time of this public auction several prospective purchasers appeared but failed to bid because they believed the upset price of $125,000 was a little too high. They intimated, however, that they would be more receptive if the upset price was lowered.

I understand that during the past year another recommendation was forwarded to your Honorable Body for the sale of the aforementioned property at an upset price of $90,000, and this recommendation was rejected.

Recently, the Board of Street Commissioners secured the services of a competent appraiser who placed a fair market value on this property of $80,000, as of March 1, 1950. It is my opinion that this price can be obtained, and I favor the sale of this property at the price suggested by the Board of Street Commissioners and the appraiser of $80,000.

I also concur with the opinion of the Board of Street Commissioners that this property should be disposed of at an early date in order that the city might receive the revenue from the sale price and return this property to the tax assessment rolls.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order for the sale of this property at public auction at an upset price of $80,000.

Respectfully
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land, containing approximately eight thousand eight hundred fifty-eight (8,858) square feet, together with the building thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of and numbered 53–85 Canal street, Boston; and

Whereas, The said parcel of land, together with the building thereon, subject to the rights and easements, including the structures thereon ("Parcel B" on the plan, hereinafter referred to), of the City of Boston, Transit Department, are not required for any public purpose; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston be, and they hereby are, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of eighty thousand dollars ($80,000) all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to said parcel of land, together with the building thereon, hereinafter described, subject, however, to the exception and reservation in the City of Boston of the rights and easements, including the

structures thereon (shown as "Parcel B" on the plan hereinafter referred to), set forth in an instrument of taking, together with plan filed therewith, for Transit Department purposes dated May 13, 1947, recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Instrument No. 91, May 13, 1947; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute and deliver to a purchaser at said public auction a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, conveying all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to said parcel of land, together with the building thereon, hereinafter described, subject, however, to the exception and reservation in the City of Boston of the rights and reservations in the City of Boston of the rights and easements, including the structures thereon (shown as "Parcel B" on the plan hereinafter referred to), set forth in an instrument of taking, together with the plan filed therewith, for Transit Department purposes dated May 13, 1947, recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Instrument No. 91, May 13, 1947. Said parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by the northeasterly side line of Canal street, two hundred eighty-two and 30—100 (282.30) feet; northwesterly by the southeasterly side line of land of the City of Boston, Traverse Street Tunnel, thirty-one and 31–100 (31.31) feet; northeasterly by other land of the City of Boston, along the northeasterly face of the "Subway Wall," two hundred eighty-two and 44–100 (282.44) feet; southeasterly by the northwesterly line of other land of the City of Boston, thirty-one and 43—100 (31.43) feet; containing eight thousand eight hundred fifty-eight (8,858) square feet of land, more or less.

Said parcel of land, the location of the building thereon, the location of the "Subway Wall" together with the location of the rights and easements, including the structures thereon ("Parcel B"), excepted and reserved in the City of Boston for Transit Department purposes as set forth in the instrument of taking and plan filed therewith, hereinbefore referred to, and all of the aforesaid measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Canal Street, Boston Proper, May 15, 1947, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

Claims.

American Policyholders' Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to car of Raymond M. Kraft by city truck.

J. Paul Boyle, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Mark A. Carroll, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Amos B. Carver, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 13 and 15 Farrington avenue, Allston.

Elizabeth Caso, for compensation for damage to car by City Hospital ambulance.

Rose A. Coyne, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Vivian J. Daniels, to be granted retroactive salary due her as probation officer, Roxbury Municipal Court.

Cornelia Eddy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Sterling and Tremont streets.

Julia Foley, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Albert Grossman, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Langone & Tommasino Insuranco Company, for compensation for damage to car of Accurzio C. Miniscalco by fire engine.

Thomas J. Monahan, to be granted retroactive salary due him as probation officer, Roxbury Municipal Court.

Catherine E. Stenstreem, for compensation for damage to property and injuries caused by city truck.

Bristow A. Warley, to be granted retroactive salary due him as probation officer, Roxbury Municipal Court.

Vincent J. Yankauskas, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Boston American League Base Ball Company for license for Sunday sports at Fenway Park, from March 15, 1950, to March 15, 1951.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room, March 31, at 10 A.M. on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for changes in tracks and trackless trolley system.

Placed on file.

POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of postponement of hearing on rates and charges of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., from April 18 at 10 A.M. to an indefinite date.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority as follows:

Rock excavation and removal at Victory Road Veterans' Housing Project, $1,947.46.

Unloading, carting, placing, and connecting ranges and refrigerators at Victory Road Veterans' Housing Project, $931.

Placed on file.

CONDUIT AND CABLE LOCATION IN WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan District Commission of order granting the Boston Edison Company location for conduits and cables in West Roxbury Parkway at Beech street.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF CHARLES FRANCIS MAGUIRE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Holton street and Everett street in Allston in honor of Ensign Charles Francis Maguire, a member of the Advanced Carrier Training Group, Pacific Fleet, who lost his life on August 19, 1942, in an airplane crash in San Diego, California, while in the service of his country during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION OF AIRWAYS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council is strongly opposed to the application submitted by the Airways Transportation Company, Inc., pending before the Public Utilities Commission and to be heard at 10 A.M., Tuesday, March 21, 1950, Room 168, State House, Boston. Said petition wil create a monopoly against the best interests of the independent taxi drivers and owners of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LIGHTS ON BUTTONWOOD STREET.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to replace the

existing gas lights with electric lights on Buttonwood street, between Cresent avenue and Columbia road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DIAGONAL PARKING IN UPHAMS CORNER SECTION OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Traffic Commissioner to consider the establishment of diagonal parking in the Uphams Corner section of Columbia road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THERMOSTATS IN INDIVIDUAL APARTMENTS OF HOUSING UNITS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Boston Housing Authority relative to the installation of thermostats in the individual apartments of the various housing units under the control of the Authority.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPPOSITION TO AUTOMATIC GATES AT BIRD STREET CROSSING.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the City Council in meeting assembled respectfully request his Honor the Mayor to direct the Corporation Counsel to take whatever steps are necessary to appeal the decision of the Board of Public Utilities granting to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad the right to install automatic gates at the Bird Street grade crossing in place of manually operated gates.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ON GLENWOOD AND CLIFF STREETS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and improve the street lighting on Glenwood and Cliff streets in Roxbury, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED POLICE PATROL IN ELM HILL SECTION.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to increase police patrol in the Elm Hill section of Roxbury, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SMOOTH SURFACE ON EAST BROADWAY, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a smooth surface over the paving stones on East Broadway, from Dorchester street to L street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REFLECTORS ON DORCHESTER AVENUE ARC LIGHTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have reflectors placed on the arc lights in the middle of the road on Dorchester avenue, Ward 6, in order to prevent accidents caused by automobiles striking the poles.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT ANDREW SQUARE.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission and Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to eliminate the circle at Andrew square together with the installation of other proposed changes recommended to do away with traffic tie-ups; and also to install pedestrian traffic lights in front of the entrance to the Andrew Square MTA Station on Dorchester avenue and directly across the street on the other side of Dorchester avenue, so that pedestrians walking down Dorchester street and passengers coming out of the Andrew Square Station may be able to cross Dorchester avenue with safety; and that the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts be requested to cooperate with the City of Boston relative to contributing 50 per cent of the cost of said traffic improvements at Andrew square.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INDUCEMENTS TO NEW BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, Building costs have more than doubled during the past ten years; and

Whereas, Some inducement to business should be made relative to encouraging them to build new establishments in the City of Boston; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of placing an assessed valuation of 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the cost of new construction so that business can be encouraged to come into Boston and establish new plants.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

POSTPONEMENT OF ELEVATED STRUCTURE REMOVAL.

Coun. Sullivan and Lanigan offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled March 20, 1950, hereby goes on record as opposed to a bill filed by Senator Sumner G. Whittier relative to postponing the removal of the El along Washington street until the MTA has a two million dollar surplus; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Senate Committee on Rules at the State House, Boston.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS, PLEASANT HILL AVENUE.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place permanent electric lights on both sides of Pleasant Hill avenue, Dorchester, Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, ETC.

On motion of Councilor Hannon, the Council voted to recall from the Committee on Finance No. 4 on the Calendar, viz.:

4. Order for loan of $10,000,000 for Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant, etc.

Filed January 30, 1950. Referred to the Committee on Finance, January 30, 1950.

Councilor Chase moved that the order be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was defeated. The question then came on giving

the order its first reading and passage. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 0, nays 14:

Yeas—0.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—14.

Voting Present—Councilors Chase, Sullivan, Yerxa—3.

On motion of Councilor Hannon to reconsider the foregoing vote, the motion was lost.

SPEEDY SELECTION OF SITES FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to speed up the selection of available sites for the construction of veterans' housing in order that the City of Boston may obtain its share of financial assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CALF PASTURE SITE FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. LINEHAN and HANNON offered the following:

That, due to the lack of cooperation and lack of approval from the people living in different sections of the City of Boston, many desirable housing sites are being made unavailable for veterans' housing; therefore, be it

Ordered, That the State Board of Housing, through his Honor the Mayor and the Boston Housing Authority, be requested to approve the Calf Pasture site for veterans' housing.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.43 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order at 4.46 P.M. by Chairman WENZLER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) concerning fees for use of municipal golf courses — recommending passage of ordinance in following new draft:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Fees for Use of Municipal Golf Courses.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting the following new clause:

26. The fees for the playing of golf on the municipal golf courses shall be as follows:

Franklin Park course.— Annual membership fee, residents, $15, nonresidents, $30; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, residents, $1, nonresidents, $1.50; Monday through Friday fees, $1; twilight fee (after 5 P.M.), 50 cents.

George Wright course.— Annual membership fee, residents, $30, nonresidents, $40; locker fee, $3; Saturday, Sunday, holiday fees, $2; Monday through Friday fees, $1.

The report was accepted, and the new draft of the ordinance was passed.

HOUSING PROJECT ON JAMAICA CAR YARD SITE.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, A previous order passed by the City Council requested that a housing project be constructed on the site of the Jamaica car yard; and

Whereas, The former State Housing Board rejected said request without giving a proper hearing to interested parties; therefore be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the present State Housing Board to approve the construction of a housing project on this site; and be it further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the State Housing Board to hold a hearing on this matter in order that residents of the Jamaica Plain section may have an opportunity to present their reasons as to why such a housing development should be constructed.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CUMULATIVE SYSTEM FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FEES.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set up an accumulative system by which a daily dollar fee will be utilized toward a final and yearly payment fee for all residents of Boston using the Franklin Park and George Wright golf courses.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 19 STREETS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface the following streets in Ward 19: Prince street (Centre street to Arborway), Aldworth street, Dane street, Starr Lane, Jamaica Plain; Heathcote street, Roslindale.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.55 P.M., on motion of Councilor Chase, to meet on Monday, March 27, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 27, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOSEPH HOLMES, JR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the naming of the square in the Arborway, near the traffic circle, in honor of Sergt. Joseph Holmes, Jr., who was killed in action in the European theater of war in 1944.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated January 30, requesting the naming of the square in the Arborway, near the traffic circle, in honor of Sergt. Joseph Holmes, Jr., who was killed in action in the European theater of war in 1944.

I have had a survey made by the Chief Engineer of the area in question and at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners I will present the naming of this square to them for their consideration.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

GENERAL WILLIAM HEATH SQUARE RESTORATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the restoration of General William Heath square to its former usefulness and beauty.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached City Council order requesting the restoration of General William Heath square.

I am having a general survey made of the department just to ascertain the important work to be done during the spring season, and I would be pleased to help out on some of the work that Councilor Tracey wants done in Heath square.

I believe there is merit to the matter of surfacing the walks with concrete around the square, harrowing and seeding the lawn and erecting a 3½-foot iron fence. The cost of completing this work would be approximately $3,000.

The matter of erecting benches, however, I cannot make a definite promise. Some years ago there were benches around this triangle and because of the opposition of many of the neighbors in this area, we were required to remove the benches.

With regard to erecting a boulder and a bronze tablet, this is something that would probably run into considerable expense, a matter to discuss with the Art Commission who are in charge of the areas for the making of historic sites.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BROMLEY PARK RESTORATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the restoration of Bromley park, in Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached City Council order, dated February 20, relative to fixing up the grass area, the trees, and fence at Bromley park, Roxbury.

I have had an inspection of the area made and I believe we will be able to repair the fence and fertilize the grass area and trim the trees, however, I first must have a thorough survey made of the area. An estimate I have received from the Chief Engineer shows it will cost approximately $2,500.

If, after the survey, I find we have the necessary funds, I will proceed to do the amount of work mentioned herein.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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ERECTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the erection of a building in Ward 10, Roxbury, on land located on Tremont street, adjacent to the Public Library.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 22, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached City Council order dated March 6, 1950, requesting that a study be made of the advisability of erecting a Municipal Building in Ward 10.

It is true that in 1945 there was money appropriated for the purpose of erecting such a building, hut it is very questionahle whether or not a gymnasium huilding could he erected for the amount of money we have on hand. However, I am having a survey made as to the advisahility of erecting such a huilding.

At the present writing I cannot promise anything definite on this matter.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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INSTALLATION OF SEWERAGE, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Puhlic Works Commissioner relative to your orders of February 20, 1950, concerning the installation of sewerage on Birch road, Ward 20; and the installation of sewerage in West Roxbury, in the Grove Street section.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following orders that were passed in the City Council on February 20:

"Ordered, That the Puhlic Works Commissioner he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sewerage on Birch road, Ward 20."

"Ordered, That the Public Works Department he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sewerage in West Roxbury, in the Grove street section, therehy eliminating septic tanks and cesspools now in use. I believe this improvement is long overdue."

As Birch road is located within the Grove street section of West Roxhury, it comes within the provisions of the order affecting the installation of sewerage in that section.

The matter of installing sanitary sewers in the so-called Grove section of West Roxbury has been under consideration for a number of years, and the matter was first brought to my attention in 1938 during my previous term as commissioner. I am kindly disposed towards the installation of sewers in this area and I felt the same way in 1938. I therefore under date of March 30, 1939, addressed a communication to the Corporation Counsel, asking in suhstance, if the department was authorized to construct sewers in the narrow streets of the Grove section of West Roxbury. A copy of this communication is enclosed for the perusal and and examination of the members of the City Council. I am also enclosing copy of reply of April 3, 1939, that was sent to me by the Corporation Counsel, in which he stated, in substance, that statutory law prohihited the installation of sewers in this area.

The same laws are in effect today and, under the circumstances, therefore, I am precluded from taking favorable action on the above-referenced orders.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 30, 1939.

Henry Parkman, Jr., Esq.,
Corporation Counsel.
Dear Mr. Parkman:

Due to public necessity, I am desirous of constructing sewers in private streets in the Grove section of West Roxbury. The locations, directions, widths, and grades of these streets have never heen approved by the Board of Street Commissioners, either under the provisions of section 10, chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, or chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

The sewerage from the residences in this section is discharged into cesspools, resulting in unsanitary conditions that are a menace to the health of the residents, along with the nuisance created hy such a method of sewage disposal.

I feel that the question of the protection of the health of the residents is paramount to any statutory law, and that a start should be immediately made for the installation of sewers in this section. I presume that the Health Commissioner has the authority to condemn these cesspools, thereby allowing for the construction of sewerage works, but I would rather not resort to condemnation proceedings in view of the fact that a large number of residents would be affected and I am not prepared at this time, due to the cost involved, to construct sewerage works throughout the entire district.

I respectfully request your opinion as to whether or not I have the authority to construct sewerage works (not trunk sewers) in the streets of the Grove section of West Roxhury, as public necessity so requires, even though the streets are private and the locations, directions, widths, and grades of them have never heen approved by the Board of Street Commissioners, under the provisions of section 10, chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906.

If your opinion is in the affirmative, it is expressly understood that assessments will be levied, in accordance with section 10 of chapter 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925, against properties from which it is desired to connect the house connection to the sewer, and that all releases and easement rights will be secured from the abutters hefore the start of construction work in the streets.

Yours very truly,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, April 3, 1939.

George G. Hyland, Esq.,
Commissioner of Public Works.
Dear Mr. Hyland:

Your letter of March 30, 1939, wherein you state, "I respectfully request your opinion as to whether or not I have the authority to construct sewerage works (not trunk sewers) in the streets of the Grove section of West Roxhury, as puhlic necessity so requires, even though the streets are private and the locations, directions, widths, and grades of them have never been approved hy the Board of Street Commissioners, under the provisions of section 10, chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906," has been received and considered hy me.

Chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906 was an act relative to highways, public alleys, sewers, and sidewalks in the City of Boston. Section 10 of said act is as follows:

> "SECTION 10. After the passage of this act (i.e., May 16, 1906) no person or corporation shall prepare or open for public travel in the City of Boston any way, unless its location, direction, widths and grades are satisfactory to and have been approved in writing by said board of street commissioners, but all highways in the territory shown on any plan heretofore made by the board of survey or by said street commissioners under the authority of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one shall be in accordance with the locations, direction, width and grades shown thereon; and no public sewer, drain, water pipe, or lamps shall be placed in, or public work of any kind done on, any way in any such territory other than in the ways shown on the plan or plans of such territory; provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent

the laying of a trunk sewer or a water or gas main as engineering demands shall require."

I am informed by the office of the Chief Engineer of the Street Laying-Out Department of the City of Boston that the private streets of the Grove section of West Roxbury were not laid out in accordance with the locations, directions, widths, and grades as shown on the plans made by the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston and for this reason the locations, directions, widths, and grades of these streets have never been approved by the said Board of Street Commissioners.

Therefore, by the express terms of section 10 of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906 you are prohibited from constructing sewerage works other than trunk sewers in the private streets in the Grove section of West Roxbury.

You further state in your letter that, "The sewage from the residences in this section is discharged into cesspools, resulting in unsanitary conditions that are a menace to the health of the residents, along with the nuisance created by such a method of sewage disposal. . . . I presume that the Health Commissioner has the authority to condemn these cesspools, thereby allowing for the construction of sewerage works. . . ."

Chapter III of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) relates to public health, and section 122 to 142, inclusive, of this chapter are relative to nuisances. Section 122 of said chapter III is as follows:

"SECTION 122. The board of health shall examine into all nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness within its town, or on board of vessels within the harbor of such town, which may, in its opinion, be injurious to the public health, shall destroy, remove or prevent the same as the case may require, . . . "

"SECTION 127. The board of health of a city and the board of health of a town, if authorized by the town, may make and enforce regulations for the public health and safety relative to house drainage and connection with common sewers, if such a sewer abuts the estate to be drained."

"SECTION 132. Land which is wet, rotten or spongy, or covered with stagnant water, so as to be offensive to residents in its vicinity or injurious to health, shall be deemed a nuisance, which the board of health of the town where it lies, upon petition and hearing, may abate in the manner provided in the seven following sections: . . . "

Sections 133 to 139, inclusive, refer to the form of application for abatement of the alleged nuisance; proceedings on application; form and service of notice; damages, appeal from adjudication of nuisance and appeal from assessment therefor.

Admitting for the purposes of argument only, that the present cesspools in this particular section are a nuisance, the power to abate this nuisance, by action of the Board of Health, does not put upon your department the obligation to go forward with the construction of sewerage works in the private ways of this section, for it is to be noted that the use of proper cesspools is expressly provided for in section 115 of chapter 550 of the Acts of 1907, which chapter and section relates to the construction, alteration, and maintenance of buildings in the City of Boston, and reads as follows:

"SECTION 115. The plumbing of every building shall be separately and independently connected outside the building with the public sewer, if such sewer is provided, or with a proper and sufficient drain or sewer laid outside of the building, and if a sewer is not accessible, with a proper cesspool."

Therefore, a proper cesspool in this particular section of West Roxbury does not constitute a nuisance, but is to be regarded as constituting a proper means of disposal of sewage under the present existing conditions. If the cesspools in use in fact do constitute a nuisance, the Board of Health has power to prohibit their use, or require their alteration and improvement to satisfy health requirements.

Very truly yours,
HENRY PARKMAN, JR.,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

REDUCED FARE FOR CHILDREN DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the extending of a five-cent fare privilege to children riders between the ages of five and fourteen years during the period of their summer vacation.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
March 22, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In connection with resolution with regard to children's fares, the Board of Trustees is not prepared to take action thereon in view of the close balance in the economic situation at the present time.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

SUMMER BUS SERVICE FROM WARD 14 TO CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the placing of buses at the disposal of patrons in Ward 14 to convey them to City Point during the months of June, July and August.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
March 22, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

The Board of Trustees has directed me to advise you that, under existing conditions with increased operating costs, they are unable to comply with request to place buses at the disposal of patrons in Ward 14 of the Dorchester district to convey them to City Point during the months of June, July and August.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

SALE OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, ETC., PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to

the sale by public auction of a large amount of obsolete equipment, material, and parts located in the various yards and buildings of that department and which is of no further use to them.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying order for the sale of this property at public auction.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At the present time there is an unusually large amount of obsolete equipment, material, and parts located in the various yards, garages and buildings of the department. Some of the equipment could be utilized for various purposes by equipment dealers or contractors and therefore has a definite resale value. Most of it, however, can be considered only as having junk value. In any event, it should be disposed of by the department because it is only rusting away and depreciating in value the longer we hold on to it.

While it is difficult to determine the exact resale value of this equipment, material, and the equipment parts, it will sell for far in excess of the $500 established by section 14 of chapter 3 of the City Ordinances as the maximum value of property that can be disposed of with the approval of the Mayor.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that you forward to the City Council for approval the enclosed order which provides for the holding of a public auction to dispose of the obsolete equipment and parts that are the property of this department and which are of no further use to us.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell, at public auction, after public advertisement, obsolete equipment, material, and parts, which are no longer of any use to the city and which have an estimated value in excess of $500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF LAND IN SOUTH BOSTON TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works requesting the transfer from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the Public Works Department of certain land in South Boston to be used as district yards of the latter department.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying order transferring this land from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the Public Works Department for the aforesaid purposes.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At the present time this department has no district yards located in the South Boston area. The area formerly occupied by the Paving Service for the South Boston district was located on Southampton street on the site now being used by the Fire Department for the erection of a central garage and headquarters. The Sanitary and Street Cleaning Services, at the present time, use the Albany street yard, although, in most cases, the men report to the fire house located on Dorchester street.

In view of the circumstances, it is most essential for the department to acquire areas in the South Boston district to use as district headquarters. Upon investigation, I found that the Board of Real Estate Commissioners had several parcels in the South Boston area that would be most suitable for use by this department.

One of these is located at 212 and 214 West First street and contains 41,076 square feet of land; another is located at 175 West First street extending through to West Second street and contains 16,500 square feet of land. The latter-referenced site is now being used by the Welfare Department as a wood yard. It is our intention to use one half of the area at the latter-referenced location and permit the remaining half to be used by the Welfare Department.

The orders providing for the transfer of these parcels have been prepared by the Law Department and are enclosed with this communication. I respectfully request that they be submitted to the City Council for the approval of that Body.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
March 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

There are at the present time four parcels of foreclosed land in the South Boston District of the City of Boston, located as follows: 16,500 square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West First street, numbered 212 West First street; 24,576 square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West First street, numbered 214 West First street; 8,250 square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West Second street, numbered 176 and 178 West Second street; 8,250 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of West First street, numbered 175-179 West First street—which are under the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Inasmuch as this Board has no immediate use for the above-mentioned land, and as it has no particular resale value at the present time, except as sites for Public Works yards, it would be more advantageous for the city to retain ownership.

The Board of Real Estate Commissioners recommends that by order of the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, said care, custody, control, and management of said land be transferred from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care, custody, control, and management of the Public Works Department.

It is also recommended that, if and when the Public Works Department has no further use for said properties, they be transferred back to the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated May 17, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5776, page 117, on about sixteen thousand five hundred (16,500) square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West First street numbered two hundred twelve (212) in the numbering of said West First street; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court dated May 17, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5776, page 118, on about twenty-four thousand five hundred seventy-six (24,576) square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West First street numbered two hundred fourteen (214) in the numbering of said West First street; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated January 18, 1937, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5395, page 235, on about eight thousand two hundred and fifty (8,250) square feet of land on the northeasterly side of West Second street numbered one hundred seventy-six (176) and one hundred seventy-eight (178) in the numbering of said West Second street; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated February 11, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5440, page 330, on about eight thousand two hundred and fifty (8,250) square feet of land on the southerly side of West First street numbered one hundred seventy-five (175) to one hundred seventy-nine (179) in the numbering of said West First street; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid parcels of property be and the same hereby are transferred from the care, custody, control, and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the care, custody, control, and management of the Public Works Department for Public Works Department purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPROPRIATION FROM INCOME OF CEMETERY FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

In the preparation of the 1950 budget, provision was made, as in previous years, that $60,000 of the maintenance expenses of the Cemetery Division of the Park Department should be charged against income of the Cemetery Fund. Before this income can be utilized, it is necessary that an appropriation be made.

I, accordingly, submit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913, an order providing for the appropriation from the income of the Cemetery Fund in the sum of $60,000, the same to be utilized in meeting maintenance expenses of the Cemetery Division, and respectfully recommend adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners on March 14, 1950, you are respectfully asked to issue an order on the City Council that the sum of $60,000 be appropriated from the income of the General Cemetery Fund to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement.

This sum may be appropriated under the provisions of chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913.

When making up the budget estimates of the Cemetery Division for the year 1950 it was indicated that the amount of $60,000 could be deducted from the A-1 item (Permanent Employees) if permission was given to use $60,000 for maintenance and improvement of our cemeteries from the income of the General Cemetery Fund.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 117, Acts of 1913, the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Cemetery Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioner, for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSFER OF LAND ON HARRISON AVENUE TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 16, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Frank R. Kelley, Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners, requesting that the premises numbered 624, 628 and 630, 632 and 634 Harrison avenue, Boston Proper, be transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Boston Fire Department to the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Park Commissioners.

These properties were acquired by the City of Boston by decrees of the Land Court dated November 7, 1945, and November 7, 1945, foreclosing rights of redemption under tax deeds recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

By an order of the City Council passed November 18, 1946, and approved by the Mayor of Boston November 19, 1946, these parcels of land were transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the care, custody, control and management of the Fire Department. The new fire headquarters now under construction at Massachusetts avenue and Southampton street has, in the opinion of the Fire Commissioner, rendered these parcels no longer necessary to the Fire Department. The Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, has signified his approval of the transfer to the Board of Park Commissioners.

It is the intention of the Board of Park Commissioners to develop these properties as a small tots' play area, and I therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying order transferring the care, custody, control and management of these parcels of land from the care, custody, control and management of the Fire Department to the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully request that you make arrangements as soon as possible to transfer the following land from the care, control and custody of the Boston Fire Department to the care, control and custody of the Park Department for presentation to the City Council as soon as possible:

1,831 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 624 in the numbering of said avenue; 1,831 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 628 and 630 in the numbering of said avenue; approximately 1,574 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 632 and 634 in the numbering of said avenue.

This land was transferred from the care, control and custody of the Real Estate Division to the Fire Department under a City Council order passed and approved on November 18, 1946, and approved by the Mayor on November 19, 1946.

At the time of the transfer it was planned by the Fire Department to establish on this land a paint shop and garage. Now that a new Headquarters and Maintenance Garage building is to be erected on Southampton street, the Fire Department will not require these lots. I have been so informed in writing of this fact by Michael T. Kelleher, Fire Commissioner.

It is the plan of this department to develop this land as a small tots' play area and we would like to do the work this spring, so it would be appreciated if you would arrange to prepare the necessary papers as soon as possible.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 7, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5926, page 223, on about one thousand eight hundred thirty-one (1,831) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 624 in the numbering of said avenue; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 7, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5995, page 175, on about one thousand eight hundred thirty-one (1,831) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 628 and 630 in the numbering of said avenue; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated January 25, 1945, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5926, page 250, on one thousand five hundred and seventy-four (1,574) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 632 and 634 in the numbering of said avenue; and

Whereas, By an order of the City Council passed November 18, 1946, and approved by the Mayor November 19, 1946, the aforesaid parcels of land were transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the care, custody, control and management of the Fire Department for Fire Department purposes; and

Whereas, The aforesaid parcels are no longer required for Fire Department purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid parcels of property be, and the same hereby are, transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Fire Deparmtent to the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Park Commissioners for Park Department purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE OF FUNDS BY BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Mr. Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, relative to application for a Preliminary Advance of funds under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend adoption by your Honorable Body of the accompanying resolution in order that these funds may be obtained as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
March 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The City Council and your Honor have heretofore approved an application of this Authority to the Housing and Home Finance Agency for a reservation of $2,982,770 in capital grant moneys for slum clearance and urban redevelopment in Boston under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949. Such application has been approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the reservation has been made.

To enable the Authority to obtain funds to start plans and surveys, it is necessary that application be made for a Preliminary Advance.

There are enclosed copies of a resolution approving such application for $120,000 in Preliminary Advance Funds. If they meet with your approval, will you submit them to an early meeting of the Council?

With assurance of your cooperation, I am

Sincerely,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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Whereas, It is necessary and in the public interest that Boston Housing Authority avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 to assist local slum clearance and urban redevelopment projects; and

Whereas, It is necessary that surveys be made and other activities be performed preparatory to undertaking such projects; and

Whereas, It is recognized that Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 imposes certain obligations and responsibilities upon local public agencies availing themselves of such financial assistance, and requires among other things: (1) the approval of the redevelopment plan by the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, with appropriate findings (a) that financial aid by the Federal government is necessary, (b) that the redevelopment plans for the redevelopment areas in the locality will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of such areas by private enterprise, and (c) that the redevelopment plan conforms to a general plan for the development of the locality as a whole; (2) the provision of local grants-in-aid; (3) the development of a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the project area; and (4) the several other local obligations and responsibilities imposed by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of slum clearance and urban redevelopment projects; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 to assist local slum clearance and urban redevelopment projects is necessary; and

SECT. 2. That it is fully cognizant of the foregoing obligations and responsibilities imposed by Title I and it is the sense of this body that such obligations and responsibilities can and will be fulfilled; and

SECT. 3. That the filing of an Application or Applications by Boston Housing Authority for a Preliminary Advance of funds from the Housing and Home Finance Administrator under Title I is hereby approved.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Neil P. Coyle, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Hugh P. Doherty, for compensation for damage to car by snow from roof of Albany Street yard.

Joseph Kondratowicz, for compensation for damage to property at 38 Mt. Vernon street, Charlestown, caused by city employees.

Gerald F. McCarthy, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea street.

Benjamin L. Michelson, doing business as Boston Spring Bed Manufacturing Company, for compensation for damage to property at 483 Southampton street, caused by sewage entering premises.

Lawrence J. O'Neill, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Matilda Peters, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by repairing water pipe at 652 Harrison avenue, Boston.

John F. Regan, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. Beverly Sandri, for compensation for loss of watch while patient at City Hospital.

Lucy Shapiro, for compensation for damage to property at 33 Gleason street, caused by defective sewer main.

David I. O'Connor, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of the National League Baseball Club of Boston, Inc., for license for Sunday sports at Braves Field from March 24, 1950, to March 15, 1951.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Daniel D. Tierney, Jordan Hall, March 24 and 31.

Skating Club of Boston, Boston Garden, April 2.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Joseph L. Shurtleff, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF NEIL A. NOLAN.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment (emergency) of Neil A. Nolan, 38 Woodville street, Roxbury, for 30 working days as inspector of housing and sanitation at $2,500 a year, effective March 22.

Placed on file.

USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS BY FEDERAL CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow the use of public buildings as a meeting place for Federal census enumerators.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF CEMENT SIDEWALKS, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on East Sixth street, from L street to Farragut road, Ward 6.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on E street, from Broadway to Old Colony avenue, Ward 6.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on the P street project in South Boston.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (referred February 20) to operate motor vehicles on Mystic River Bridge from Boston-Chelsea line to Haymarket Square circle—recommending that license be granted.

The report was accepted, and the license was granted under usual conditions.

RESURFACING OF ELDORA AND SUNSET STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Eldora and Sunset streets in Roxbury, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 10.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Zamora street, Zamora court, Castleton street, and Day street in Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGN ON FISHER AVENUE.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Slow" signs on Fisher avenue before the hydrant at the entrance of the George Bulfinch School in Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADEQUATE LIGHTING, CENTRE STREET, WARD 10.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide adequate street lighting from the Blessed Sacrament Church to Parker street on Centre street, Ward 10, in order to properly illuminate that area.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGN AT BYNNER AND DAY STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a "Stop" sign at the corner of Bynner street at Day street in Ward 10.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS FOR FUTURE HOUSING.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Boston Housing Authority to make known, wherever feasible, to the individual members of the City Council, their plans, actual or tentative, for future housing, in order that the demands for information in connection with housing may be met by the councilors.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MONUMENT OF WILLIAM DAWES, JR.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appropriate sufficient money for the erection of a monument of William Dawes, Jr., similar to that of Paul Revere which the Trustees erected in the North End, and that this monument be situated in the vicinity of John Eliot square in Roxbury.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUAL VACATIONS FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 243 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Relating to Annual Vacations for Certain Police Officers of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

FOURTEEN-DAY MORATORIUM IN TAGGING OF VEHICLES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to declare a fourteen-day moratorium in the tagging of vehicles in the residential areas of the city, and that warning stickers be placed on windshields of vehicles in lieu of tagging.
The order was rejected.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHT AT OLD ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of placing a pedestrian light at Old road and Michigan avenue in Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF STREETS BEFORE EASTER AND PASSOVER.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a special effort in the cleaning of streets throughout the city in preparation for the observance of Easter and the Passover holidays.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL NURSES FOR CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a personal study of the conditions of securing additional nurses for the Boston City Hospital; such conditions as exist, at present, have brought much discomfort and a general breakdown of morale in the wards at the Boston City Hospital.
Referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

STUDY OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the President be requested to appoint a committee of three members of the City Council to make a study of juvenile delinquency in cooperation with civic organizations at present engaged in this work.
The order was passed under suspension of the rule.
President HURLEY named as a committee Councilors Ramsey (Chairman), Beades, and Shanley.

PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AT WASHINGTON AND RIVER STREETS, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Street Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put pedestrian islands at the junction of Washington street and River street in Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MORA STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Street Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Mora street a one-way street, from Milton avenue to Washington street, in Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of William F. Cronin (referred March 13) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to School Buildings Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) be allowed and paid to William F. Cronin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to the School Buildings Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.
Report on petition of Francis A. Costello (referred March 6) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of three hundred twenty-five dollars ($325) be allowed and paid to Francis A. Costello in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on

account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of John F. Gallagher (referred March 6) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued aganst him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to Highway Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of ninety dollars ($90) be allowed and paid to John F. Gallagher in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Highway Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

SEWER AND WATER DRAINAGE IN PART OF ALLSTON.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner and the Chief Engineer of the Sewer Division be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately start work relative to correcting the unhealthy conditions caused by the sewer and water drainage in the Allston area, namely between North Harvard street and the streets adjoining as far as Everett street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF ROBINSON PLACE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out as a public way Robinson place in Ward 13, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BOWSER PARKING DEVICE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the Boston City Council appoint a committee of five members of the Boston City Council to investigate the members of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in regard to the Bowser Parking Device that they want the city to become interested in and to find out if any member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce is an executive or silent partner in the Bowser Parking Device Company.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CUSTODY OF MASTER KEY OF D STREET PROJECT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place the master key of the D Street project exclusively in the hands of the manager of said project so that it will not be used indiscriminately by other employees.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF LAND TO F. W. WEBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, No. 3 on the Calendar was taken from the table, viz.:

3. Order for sale of land at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company for $11,140.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 2:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Yerxa—19.

Nays—Councilors Coffey, Wenzler—2.

The order was assigned for 14 days for final action.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON FORMER SITE OF EMERSON HOSPITAL, WARD 11.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the feasibility of establishing housing developments on the site where the Emerson Hospital was once located on Forest Hills street, Jamaica Plain, in Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR CATHEDRAL ROAD RACE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, authorized to rope off the section of Union park between Washington street and Harrison avenue, between the hours of 2 and 4 P.M., on Saturday, April 8, 1950, in connection with the 40th Annual Ten Mile Road Race of the Cathedral Club, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council Appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF MICHAEL ANGELO DAMORE.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming of the square at the intersection of Norfolk avenue and East Cottage street, Ward 7, in honor of B.M.2/c Michael Angelo Damore, of the United States Navy, who died in North Africa on May 15, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted at 3.34 P.M. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 5.01 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell at public auction after public advertisement obsolete equipment, material, and parts—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message from the Mayor and resolution (referred today) for application for preliminary advance of funds to Boston Housing Authority—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred March 20) for appropriation of $38,000 from income of Parkman Fund—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

SALE OF LAND ON PARK STREET TO WONDER LAUNDRIES COMPANY, INC.

On motion of Councilor Farin, No. 2 on the Calendar was taken from the table, viz.:

2. Order for sale of land on Park street, Dorchester, to Wonder Laundries Company, Inc., for $250.

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the order was laid on the table.

PAYMENT TO DENNIS F. HEGARTY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled hereby favors the enactment of legislation for payment of annuity of fifteen hundred dollars per annum to Dennis F. Hegarty, former provisional appointee in the Police Department of the City of Boston, who is now disabled by reason of injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duty, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 5.10 P.M. on motion of Councilor Wenzler, to meet on Monday, April 3, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 3, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Kinsella, Lane, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

SMOOTH SURFACING OF EAST BROADWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the placing of a smooth surface over the paving stones on East Broadway, from Dorchester street to L street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, place a smooth surface over the paving stones on East Broadway, from Dorchester to L streets, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this street will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for resurfacing during the present year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of the following streets in Ward 19: Prince street, Centre to Arborway, Aldworth street, Dane street, Starr Lane, and Heathcote street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the following streets in Ward 19, and please be advised as follows:

Prince street, Centre street to Arborway, Aldworth street, Dane street, and Heathcote street, will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for resurfacing during the current year.

Starr Lane will be advertised for bids in the near future.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON E STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on E street, from Broadway to Old Colony avenue, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on E street, from Broadway to Old Colony avenue, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this sidewalk work has been put on the list to be given consideration during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the repaving of Zamora street, Zamora court, Castleton street, and Day street in Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works repave Zamora street, Zamora court, Castleton street, and Day street in Ward 10, and this will advise you that all of the above-named streets, with the exception of Zamora court, have been placed on the list to be given consideration for construction this year.

Zamora court is a private way and will have to be laid out and construction ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, Room 401, City Hall Annex, Boston, before this department can perform any construction work therein.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON EAST SIXTH STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on East Sixth street, from L street to Farragut road, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on East Sixth street, from L street to Farragut road, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this sidewalk work has been put on the list to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF ELDORA AND SUNSET STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Eldora and Sunset streets in Roxbury, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Eldora and Sunset streets in Roxbury, Ward 10, and this will advise you that the above-named streets have been placed on the list to be given consideration for construction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ERECTION OF LIBRARY BRANCH, FRANKLIN PARK AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the President of the Public Library of the City of Boston relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning the advisability of the erection of a $100,000 branch library in the Franklin Park area in connection with their 1950 library building program.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Public Library,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

There has been brought to the attention of the Trustees your transmittal of an order of the City Council under date of February 27, 1950, requesting that, through his Honor the Mayor, the Trustees be asked to study the advisability of the erection of a $100,000 branch library in the Franklin Park area in connection with their 1950 library building program.

At the present time the Trustees are giving consideration and study to the several sections of the city which are now requesting branch library or reading room coverage, and the possibilities for action in meeting these needs in the year 1950. It is known that the Franklin Park area is high on the list of those sections of the city which the Trustees feel should have provision of branch library facilities within the next few years.

If there is further information which you need, I shall be glad to attempt to provide such.

Yours respectfully,
FRANK W. BUXTON, President.

Placed on file.

USE OF PORTABLE BUILDING AS TEMPORARY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the President of the Public Library of the City of Boston relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the using of the portable building at Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, as a temporary public library until such time as permanent library quarters are made available for that area.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Public Library,
March 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

On March 15, 1950, there was transmitted to the Trustees of the Public Library an order of the City Council dated March 13, 1950, requesting the Trustees to study the advisability of using the portable building at Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, as a temporary public library until such time as permanent library quarters are made available for that area.

The Trustees have made arrangements to examine the property with a view to its availability for temporary branch library purposes, in connection with the possible establishment of a branch library in that area.

Yours respectfully,
FRANK W. BUXTON, President.

Placed on file.

USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS BY FEDERAL CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the allowing of the use of public buildings as a meeting place for Federal Census enumerators.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Office of Public Buildings Department,
March 30, 1950.

Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your office memorandum of March 29, 1950, concerning City Council order of March 27, requesting permission to allow the use of public buildings for Federal Census enumerators as a meeting place, representatives of the census group have already come to this office to make the necessary arrangements. The buildings have been made available for their use on the dates requested.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

CUMULATIVE SYSTEM FOR PAYMENT OF GOLF COURSE FEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the setup of an accumulative system by which a daily dollar fee will be utilized towards a final and yearly payment fee for all residents of Boston using the Franklin Park and George Wright golf courses.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 27, 1950.
Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated March 20, relative to setting up an accumulative system by which a daily dollar fee will be utilized towards a final and yearly payment fee for all residents of Boston using the golf courses.
Arrangements have already been made, and we have received all our annual and daily tickets for the year 1950. Our bookkeeping system, set up by auditors, has been so arranged that it would be impossible to put in the accumulative system as suggested by this order.
Our rules and regulations are such that all those enjoying annual privileges must pay the entire fee before they actually start playing. The work involved here entails a great deal of detail, and, further, it is felt that it is neither practical nor advisable.
Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.
Placed on file.

PARKING METERS, WARDS 4 AND 5.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the arrangements for the adjustment of the parking meters in Wards 4 and 5 so that either pennies or nickels may be used.
Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 28, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Arrangements Be Made for the Adjustment of the Parking Meters in Wards 4 and 5 So That Either Pennies or Nickels May Be Used.
Dear Sir:
In further reply to above Council order, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on March 23, 1950, with all members present and voting, it was unanimously voted to reject this request.
Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

ANDREW SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the elimination of the circle at Andrew square, together with the installation of other proposed changes recommended, to do away with traffic tie-ups, and to install traffic lights in front of the entrance to the Andrew Square MTA Station.
Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 24, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated March 20, 1950, Requesting That the Traffic Commission and Board of Street Commissioners Eliminate the Circle at Andrew Square, Together with the Installation of Other Proposed Changes Recommended, to Do Away with Traffic Tie-ups, and to Install Pedestrian Traffic Lights in Front of the Entrance to the Andrew Square MTA Station on Dorchester Avenue.
Dear Sir:
This Commission has plans under consideration at the present time for improvements in Andrew square which we believe will relieve traffic conditions in the area.
Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

SPOTLIGHT AT ASTICOU ROAD AND WASHINGTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith further communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the placing of a spotlight on the traffic officer on duty at the corner of Asticou road and Washington street in Ward 19.
Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 21, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
Our engineers have considered the order of the Boston City Council to locate a spotlight on the traffic officer on duty at Asticou road and Washington street in Ward 19.
After a consultation with the captain of Division 13, a survey of the location, and a consideration of contemplated changes which may take place at an early date in this location with the installation of a parking space by the MTA, it seems desirable at this time to withhold action on this request.
Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

CARE OF CHRONICALLY ILL INFANTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of February 27, 1950, concerning the establishment of accommodations for the care of chronically ill infants.
Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, March 23, 1950.
Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:
At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 8, 1950, your communication concerning the establishment of accommodations for the care of chronically ill infants was presented. This is in reference to City Council order of February 27, 1950.
The Boston City Hospital was established for the treatment of those needing aid during temporary illness. If chronic patients were admitted to the City Hospital, i.e., patients who would be forced to stay for many years or for life, it would be impossible to perform the work for which the hospital was intended, i.e., the care of temporary illness.
Hoping this explains the situation, I am
Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.
Placed on file.

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS FOR SURGICAL BUILDING, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital rela-

tive to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the purchase of electric refrigerators for the Surgical Building of the Boston City Hospital.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Department, March 23, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 17, 1950, your communication concerning the vote of the City Council, requesting that immediate steps be taken to purchase electric refrigerators for the Surgical Building, was presented.

It is the intent of the trustees as rapidly as possible to convert all ward refrigeration to electrical equipment.

Very truly yours,
James W. Manary, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

INCREASED POLICE PATROL, ELM HILL SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950 concerning the increasing of the police patrol in the Elm Hill section of Roxbury.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, March 28, 1950.

Thomas G. F. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

I return herewith order of the City Council dated March 20, requesting the Police Commissioner to increase police patrol in the Elm Hill section of Roxbury.

At the present time we have more officers assigned to Division 9, which covers this area, than at any time in the history of the City of Boston. It is the opinion of Captain Cloran that this section of the community is very well patrolled and we are unable to increase the number without leaving some other location unprotected.

Very truly yours,
T. F. Sullivan,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SALE OF FERRYBOAT "RALPH J. PALUMBO."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in which he requests authority to sell the ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo" at public auction at an upset price of $22,500.

At the present time the city owns three ferryboats, one of which is in operation and one of which is in reserve. The third boat, according to the commissioner and the division engineer of the Bridge and Ferry Service, is not needed for ferry purposes and is a source of continuing expense to the city.

The Delaware River Ferry Company has exhibited an interest in the purchase of this ferryboat, and has made an offer to buy the same provided the offer is accepted on or before April 12. For this reason and for the reasons given above, I recommend passage of the accompanying order for the sale of this ferryboat at public auction.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At the present time, the department owns and operates three (3) ferryboats which are used to provide ferry service between Boston and East Boston. The ferry system operates on a thirty (30) minute schedule from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M., daily and Sunday throughout the year, with the sole exception of Christmas day. On the latter-referenced day, no boats are operated. The present schedule provides for a boat leaving East Boston on the even hour and half hour, and from Boston on the quarter hour and three quarter hour. Only one boat is needed to maintain such a schedule, but a second boat is necessary as a stand-by and to provide service when the first boat is taken out of water for repairs and overhauling. Under the rules and regulations of the United States Steamboat Inspection Service, each boat must be taken out of the water every two (2) years and placed in drydock for a thorough inspection, overhauling, and repairs. Under the circumstances, therefore, we must keep two (2) boats to provide ferry service. However, there is no necessity of keeping the present three (3) boats, and I have instituted steps to dispose of one of them.

Under date of March 14, we forwarded a communication to each of the sixteen (16) principal and known operators of ferry systems on the Eastern Seaboard, and informed them that we were desirous of selling the ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo," and invited them to inspect the boat and submit a proposal if they were interested in purchasing it. We accompanied the letter with photographs and specifications of the boat.

Only one operator, the Delaware River Ferry Company, evinced any interest in purchasing the boat. The General Manager, Mr. Louis Kapelski, with offices at Chester, Pennsylvania, visited Boston last week for the purpose of inspecting the boat. Subsequent to his visit and under date of March 29, he forwarded a proposal to me and offered to pay $22,500 for the boat, with the understanding that the offer was binding only to midnight, April 12. As stated in his proposal, copy of which I enclose, he will have to effect major changes in the boat before putting it into service, and it is essential that he obtain the boat at an early date, in order that it will be ready for operation for the start of their busiest season, which is during the summer months. For this reason, therefore, a time limit was attached to the offer of $22,500. Incidentally, the Delaware River Ferry Company operates a ferry system between Chester, Pennsylvania, and Bridgeport, New Jersey.

The offer of $22,500, in my opinion, is a reasonable one, although we may be able to obtain a higher price if the boat is publicly auctioned, with the $22,500 established as the upset price. I realize that you have not had much time to consider this matter, and I hesitate, therefore, to ask you to submit it to the City Council today for the approval of that Body. I did not receive the proposal of the Delaware River Ferry Company until last Thursday, and if we hope to hold the auction at an early date, I feel that the order, which I enclose, should be sent to the Council today, in order to save a week's time. Used ferryboats, in general, are a drug on the market, and it is difficult to obtain competition on a sale of this kind. Most boats are designed and constructed for the specialized use of a particular ferry system and, generally, major changes in the boat have to be effected if it is to be used on a system other than the one for which it was originally designed. This tends to reduce the value of a boat to a prospective purchaser.

We may get some competition at the proposed auction sale, but the chances are that the competition will be limited and, very possibly, the only bidder might be the Delaware River Ferry Company. If we delay holding the auction, the latter company might lose interest, with the result that we might not be able to sell the boat. For these reasons, therefore, I believe that we should not delay in submitting the order to the Council for its approval.

The "Ralph J. Palumbo," formerly the "General Sumner," was purchased for the sum of $346,800 in 1930. It has been determined by Division Engineer deMeulenaer that this boat

would be the best one of the three for the city to sell. My principal purpose in selling it is to reduce expenses and also to dispose of a boat that we do not need.

In the year 1949, the total expense of maintaining and operating the ferry system was $368,107.62, whereas, the revenue totaled only $18,690.23. The following is a summary of anticipated savings that will result if we sell this boat:

Estimated cost to overhaul the "Ralph J. Palumbo"	$60,000 00
Estimated cost to overhaul the "Charles C. Donoghue"	40,000 00
Immediate net saving	$20,000 00
Annual Savings Per Year:	
Services of 4 firemen at $60.67 a week,	$12,619 36
650 tons of coal at $13 a ton	8,450 00
Estimated savings on annual repairs	5,000 00
Net annual savings	$26,069 36

In previous sales of ferryboats conducted by the department, the following sums were realized:

Ferryboat "John H. Sullivan" in 1934	$10,000
Ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo" in 1935	25,000
Ferryboat "Lieut. Flaherty in 1938	40,000

If we sell the boat as planned, it is not our intention to terminate the services of any of the four (4) firemen now needed to keep up steam on the boat. Their services can be utilized by transfer to the sewage pumping station or to some other department of the city. The above-referenced annual saving of $12,619.36 might not, therefore, become a reality in the immediate future, but it most certainly will at some time in the not too distant future.

I also submit for your information statistics of the operation of the ferry system in 1939 and also for the year 1949. You will note that the trend is toward less use of the system and toward higher annual deficits:

	1939.	1949.
Cost of maintenance and operation	$225,306 81	$368,107 62
Revenue	25,128 64	18,690 23
Deficit	$200,178 17	$349,417 39

Increase in cost of operation in 1949 over 1939	63%
Decrease in revenue in 1949 over 1939	25%

It is obvious, after examining the above, that a concerted effort should be made to reduce the annual deficit. The sale of the "Ralph J. Palumbo" will effect a substantial reduction, but will not curtail the present service, nor will it result in the loss of anyone's job. It is my opinion, therefore, that the sale of the boat should be completed as soon as possible.

I also enclose for your information, three (3) photographs of the boat, which was formerly known as the "General Sumner."

I respectfully recommend that the attached order providing for the sale, at public auction, at an upset price of $22,500, of the ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo," be forwarded to the City Council today, for the approval of that Body.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction, at an upset price of $22,500, the ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RELEASE AND AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Boston Housing Authority requesting that your approval be given to an amendment and release of contract, which contract, between the City of Boston and Public Housing Administration, dated May 7, 1946, and numbered HA(V-19131)mph-1, provided for the temporary dwelling units located at Columbia Village, Alsen Field, and Franklin Field.

I enclose a copy of proposed amendment and copy of release forwarded by the Public Housing Administration which are self-explanatory.

On December 21, 1949, by an order passed by your Honorable Body, the waiver of the removal requirements with respect to the projects at Columbia Village, Alsen Field, and Franklin Field was approved.

I submit herewith an order whereby the said contract may be amended and final release given to the United States of America, and recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Mass.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The City Council and Mayor have heretofore approved this Authority's request to Public Housing Administration for relinquishment of its right in the temporary projects at Franklin Field, Alsen Field, and Columbia Village. This was done to avoid the requirement of federal law that the projects be demolished by January 1, 1951.

All details have been satisfactorily accomplished, and Public Housing Administration now requires a final release from the city under its assistance contract. There are no claims outstanding to the knowledge of this Authority, so it is our opinion that the release may properly be signed, after approval by the Council.

The other document enclosed is to correct the record on the number of units which were finally constructed under the federal assistance contract.

If the enclosed release and amendment meet with your approval, will you present them to an early meeting of the Council?

With appreciation of your cooperation, I am
Sincerely,
Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.

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Public Housing Administration,
141 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.,
January 6, 1950.
In reply please refer to
Boston Field Office,
Management: DRM: Mass-V-19131.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

The above-numbered project is covered by Contract No. HA(V-19131) mph-1 between your city and the Public Housing Administration, dated May 7, 1946, as amended June 21 and November 29, 1946.

Inasmuch as the original contract has been modified by agreements for reimbursement and otherwise, we are required, before federal rights in and to the project may be relinquished, to obtain a general release of the United States by the City of Boston. Therefore, we request, if satisfactory, that the governing body of the city approve this release, that you sign the original and three copies of this letter in the space indicated, and that the City Clerk impress the City Seal thereon, attest to same, and return them to this office, together with three certified copies of the corporate resolution by which such execution was authorized.

Sincerely yours,
John P. Kane,
Director, Boston Field Office.

The City of Boston, Massachusetts, hereby releases absolutely the United States of America from any and all claims of any nature arising from or under the above-described contract, its amendments and supplements.

By.....
Mayor, City of Boston.

Attest: (seal)
By.....
Clerk, City of Boston.

Public Housing Administration,
141 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.,
January 6, 1950.
In reply please refer to
Boston Field Office,
MANAGEMENT: DRM: MASS-V-19131.
Suppl. No. New York Field Office 1,
Contract No. HA(V-19131) mph-1.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

Section 1.01 of your contract dated May 7, 1946, as amended June 21, 1946, and November 29, 1946, and numbered HA(V-19131) mph-1, provides that the Public Housing Administration will make available to you 226 family dwelling units and no dormitory units, for the purpose of housing veterans, servicemen, and their families, pursuant to Title V of the Lanham Act. Since actually 765 units were constructed, it is essential that these figures be corrected for statistical and financial purposes.

If you agree to amendment of section 1.01 so that it will refer to 765 family dwelling units and no dormitory units, please so indicate by having the holders of the same offices as those who signed the original contract sign, seal, and attest all the enclosed copies of this letter and return five (5) such signed counterparts, including the original, to me. The remaining counterpart should be retained by you and attached to your copy of the contract.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN P. KANE,
Director, Boston Field Office.

CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.
By.....
Mayor of the City of Boston.
ATTEST: (SEAL)
By.....
Clerk of the City of Boston.

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Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized:

(1) To execute in the name and behalf of the City of Boston an instrument in writing whereby a certain contract dated May 7, 1946, as amended June 21, 1946, and November 29, 1946, and numbered HA(V-19131)mph-1, between the City of Boston and the Public Housing Administration, be further amended by striking out in section 1.01 the reference to "226 family dwelling units and no dormitory units" and substituting in place thereof "765 family dwelling units and no dormitory units"; and

(2) To execute in the name and behalf of the City of Boston an instrument in writing whereby the City of Boston may release the United States of America from any and all claims of any nature arising from or under any contract, its amendments and supplements, dated May 7, 1946, between the City of Boston and the Public Housing Administration, being Contract No. HA-(V-19131)mph-1.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

Claims.

Hurad Adjemian, for compensation for damage to property at 231 Shawmut avenue, caused by bursting water main.

C. Comstock Clayton, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

John D. Coughlin, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Sam Coulter, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Frederick R. Gadman, for compensation for damage to car by car of Traffic Commission.

Bessie Glassman, for compensation for damage to property at 36 South Russell street, caused by water entering cellar.

Herbert W. Knowlton, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

Bernard Levy, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Edward G. McGee, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Edwin J. McLaughlin, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Louis J. Musante, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Putnam street.

Maud Nichols, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 71 Brighton avenue.

Albert E. Norton, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Arthur Singer, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Joseph Zinc, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

PERMITS FOR NEWSBOYS.

Petitions for minors' licenses were received from 25 newsboys. Licenses granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES BY STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority as follows:

Farragut Road Veterans' Housing Project, $520.30, to control temperature of water in hot water storage tanks.

Washington Street Veterans' Housing Project, Hyde Park, $975, to provide temporary roadway on Newacre road.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices of hearings to be held before the Department of Public Utilities were received as follows:

Hearing to be held in hearing room of department at 9.30 A.M., May 23, on investigation by department as to propriety of rates and charges of New England Transportation Company.

Hearing to be held in hearing room of department at 9.30 A.M., April 10, on investigation by department as to propriety of rates and charges filed by Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Hearing to be held in hearing room of department at 2.45 P.M., April 14, on petition of Boston City Council relative to alteration of crossing of Rutherford avenue and tracks of Boston & Maine Railroad in Charlestown.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Notices were received from the Health Department of the following appointments:

Robert E. Tynan, 38 Mallon road, Dorchester, inspector of housing and sanitation (emergency appointment) at $2,500 a year, effective March 29.

Daniel P. Greene, 1046 Adams street, Dorchester, inspector (emergency) at $2,500 a year, effective March 29.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH RUSSO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

Walter J. Malloy, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

I hereby appoint Joseph Russo, of 42 Green street, Boston, to be an Election Commissioner of the City of Boston for the term ending March 31, 1954, vice Joseph A. Langone, Jr., term expired.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

DESIGNATION OF JOSEPH RUSSO AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

Walter J. Malloy, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

I hereby designate Joseph Russo, 42 Green street, Boston, member of the Board of Election Commissioners, to be chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS X. COTTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 3, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby appoint Francis X. Cotter of 21 Hutchinson street, Dorchester, to be Director of Veterans' Services and Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1954, vice David J. Brickley, retired.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the appointment by his Honor the Mayor of Francis X. Cotter to be Director of Veterans' Services, Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1954, be, and hereby is, confirmed and approved.

The rules were suspended and the order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—18.

Nays—0.

Coun. ANSEL in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Forty-three traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear May 1, 1950:

Ernest Campagna, Ward 1; Joseph E. Connolly, Ward 2; Robert Parris, Ward 3; Salvatore Vaiani, Ward 3; Thaddeus F. Call, Ward 5; John F. Conway, Ward 5; Chester G. Jordan, Ward 5; Walter Loeb, Ward 5; Donald J. MacLean, Ward 5; Joseph W. McDonough, Ward 6; James J. Normoyle, Ward 6; David J. Crowely Ward 8; Wilfred J. Brunelle, Ward 9; Richard Thompson, Ward 9; Joseph M. Lunney, Ward 10; Andrew Pengeroth, Ward 11; William Beck, Ward 12; Abram Nadell, Ward 12; Arnold R. Nickerson, Ward 13; Hagop A. Balian, Ward 14; Samuel Feldman, Ward 14; Peter Grieco, Ward 14; Abraham H. Rich, Ward 14; Maurice S. Silver, Ward 15; Raymond Littlewood, Ward 15; Martin B. Madden, Ward 15; John L. McCarthy, Ward 15; William J. McDermott, Ward 15; James J. Lynch, Ward 17; Russell C. Byers, Ward 17; Millard L. Plummer, Ward 17; Morris Breen, Ward 18; John J. Henry, Ward 18; Allen B. Pinksen, Ward 18; Alden E. Simpson, Ward 18; Charles W. Cronin, Ward 20; George E. Hagman, Ward 20; Edwin W. Phelps, Ward 20; Paul O. Broussean, Ward 21; Harry I. Garb, Ward 21; Jacob Gilman, Ward 21; Harold P. Kelley, Ward 21; Francis L. Carley, Ward 22.

One hundred sixty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear May 1, 1950:

Alexander Alterisio, Ward 1; Joseph Caton, Ward 1; John M. Dore, Ward 1; Anthony Giambrone, Ward 1; John W. Greenwood, Ward 1; Ernest B. Kraytenberg, Ward 1; Anthony J. Lupi, Ward 1; Henry Martinelli, Ward 1; Michael Nappa, Ward 1; Joseph Parisi, Ward 1; Gaetano Petrillo, Ward 1; Eric J. Sandquist, Ward 1; Henry J. Schindhelm, Ward 1; James E. Sullivan, Ward 1; James J. Clinton, Ward 2; Walter H. Davidson, Ward 2; Alfredo A. DelDotto, Ward 2; Francis M. Donlan, Ward 2; Robert X. Fidler, Ward 2; Joseph F. Ryan, Ward 2; Frank J. Crea, Ward 3; Ippolito DiStephano, Ward 3; Anthony J. Fasulo, Ward 3; Anthony D. Grande, Ward 3; Joseph F. Morello, Ward 3; Louis Rossetti, Ward 3; Domoniek Saechetti, Ward 3; John D. Venditti, Ward 3; Joseph A. Bunker, Ward 4; Lazarus V. Coulacos, Ward 4; John King, Ward 4; Thomas Patrick Norton, Ward 4; Patrick Salmon, Ward 4; Emory Sylvester, Ward 4; James J. Walsh, Ward 4; Philip S. Corsa, Ward 5; Frank L. Erickson, Ward 5; George Goldthwaite, Ward 5; Alex Hayner, Ward 5; James N. B. Hill, Ward 5; Raphael Morante, Ward 5; Edwin W. Sturtevant, Ward 5; Kent Whitman, Ward 5; John J. Edmunds, Ward 6; John C. Gill, Jr., Ward 6; John J. Heft, Ward 6; Ernest J. Maestrangi, Ward 6; Thomas M. Flynn, Ward 7; John J. Harrington, Ward 7; Harold W. Higgins, Ward 7; John J. Kelly, Ward 7; Arthur J. Martin, Ward 7; John F. Nugent, Ward 7; Edwin F. Olive, Ward 7; Roland W. Campbell, Jr., Ward 8; Edmund Connors, Ward 8; Thomas F. Keddy, Ward 8; William E. Walsh, Ward 8; Walter Bolt, Ward 9; Alfred W. Brothers, Ward 9; Edwin C. Dietel, Ward 9; Edgar F. Fiander, Ward 9; John Harrington, Ward 9; George E. Reed, Ward 9; Joseph C. Beauchesne, Ward 10; Timothy E. Falvey, Ward 10; Roger F. Farrell, Ward 10; John Maurice Keefe, Ward 10; John J. Manning, Ward 10; Edward J. Pauluek, Ward 10; Michael J. Sheehan, Ward 10; John E. Thornton Ward 10; Joseph M. Boyle, Ward 11; George E. Burney, Ward 11; Edward Dogmazzi Edward, Ward 11; Joseph Driscoll, Ward 11; William A. Hubbard, Ward 11; William A. McCarthy, Ward 11; Laurence E. Rettman, Ward 11; Ralph W. Wilson, Ward 11.

Charles W. Gatewood, Ward 12; James H. Gibson, Ward 12; Norman Goldberg, Ward 12; Arthur R. Hutchins, Ward 12; Philip Marcus, Ward 12; James Q. Stevens, Ward 12; James Watson, Ward 12; Stanley Kirkpatriek, Ward 13; Nathan Levy, Ward 13; Nels Arthur Nelson, Ward 13; Joseph Henry Romain, Ward 13; William J. Stratton, Ward 13; Alexander Williams, Ward 13; Morris Berenson, Ward 14; David Blaekman, Ward 14; Irving Bloom, Ward 14; Julius Carson, Ward 14; Hyman Cohen, Ward 14; Patrick J. Cummins, Ward 14; Joseph Dreyfus, Ward 14; Melvin Dreyfus, Ward 14; Samuel A. Levenson, Ward 14; Irving Levine, Ward 14; Leonard Linchitz, Ward14; Rubin Lookner, Ward 14; Louis Maister, Ward 14; Joseph Needleman, Ward 14; Harry Silbert, Ward 14; Edward H. Yanes, Ward 14; George W. Montgomery, Ward 15; William Sater, Ward 15; William P. Stanton, Ward 15; Louis H. Varnerin, Ward 15; Peter Gow Drever, Ward 16; Edwin J. Garland, Ward 16; William E. Hoar, Ward 16; William J. Keohane, Ward 16; Christopher M. Quinlivan, Ward 16; Edward J. Keliher, Ward 17; Abraham Linick, Ward 17; George E. Rouse, Ward 17; Nathan Bloom, Ward 18; Walter J. Conley, Ward 18; Walter A. Costa, Ward 18; John L. Cox, Ward 18; Frank K. Cutts, Ward 18; Gerard M. Petta, Ward 18; David Stern, Ward 18; Angelo Tassi, Ward 18; Harry G. Timmons, Ward 18; Luther G. Townsend, Ward 18; Harry H. Waterman, Ward 18; Ernest L. Weber, Ward 18; Philip M. Wood, Ward 18; Carl Ahlquist, Ward 19; Howard T. Bacon, Ward 19; Arthur L. Collins, Ward 19; Francis J. Holland, Ward 19; Ralph E. Raymond, Ward 19; Francis J. Skeffington, Ward 19; Peter van der Snook, Ward 19; Earle P. Wittet, Ward 19; James W. S. Blades, Ward 20; Thomas J. Doyle, Ward 20; Joseph L. Pink, Ward 20; Arthur W. George, Ward 20; Edwin T. Hillberg, Ward 20; John J. Kenney, Ward 20; Philip W. Kohl, Ward 20; Alfred C. Kumberger, Ward 20; Herbert A. Martin, Ward 20; Lester W. McLellan, Ward 20; Robert P. O'Neil, Ward 20; John Barron, Ward 21; Robert C. Josely, Ward 21; Adelbert L. Kroning, Ward 21; Lincoln C. Lawrence, Ward 21; Leon J. Levenson, Ward 21; Melvin L. Macdonald, Ward 21; Francis X. Noonan, Ward 21; Herbert F. Sloane, Ward 21; Lester Smith, Ward 21; John S. Ballas, Ward 22; Austin F. Grogan, Jr., Ward 22; Leon Kaplan, Ward 22; William D. Murray, Ward 22; Peter P. Rzezuski, Ward 22; Max E. Stahl, Ward 22

Coun. WENZLER in the chair.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR OFF-STREET PARKING.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase land for off-street parking areas in conjunction with the Belgrade Avenue extension, the same to be paid for out of parking meter receipts, as provided under chapter 776 of the Acts of 1949.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CARETAKER FOR WELLESLEY PARK, DORCHESTER.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recall a caretaker to take care of the grounds owned by the city in Wellesley park in Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLOSING OF CITY HALL, GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to close City Hall to the public on Good Friday afternoon, April 7, 1950.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAINTING OF TRAFFIC SIGNS, CRAWFORD AND HAROLD STREETS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repaint the "Slow" and "Stop" signs at the intersection of Crawford and Harold streets in Ward 12, which have been obliterated by the weather.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPPOSITION TO CLOSING OF MURPHY GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:
Whereas, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson greeted the visiting Japanese delegation with open arms and now wants to close the Murphy General Hospital in Waltham to the needs of veterans of World War 2; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby places itself on record as being strongly opposed to the closing of said Murphy General Hospital which is vitally needed for the care and treatment of these veterans.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Ruggles Street Bowling Alleys (referred March 6) for license to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—recommending that license be granted.
Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

RENOVATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability in conjunction with the slum clearance program to aid individual home owners in slum clearance areas for the purpose of renovating the property and making it habitable, and, be it further
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority, through his Honor the Mayor, study the advisability of aiding the Board of Real Estate Commissioners in the renovating of such property that comes under the control of the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean all streets in the city which are now in a filthy and unsanitary condition.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON EMERSON STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on Emerson street, Ward 6, between I and K streets, replacing the present brick sidewalks.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install two softball diamonds in Marine Park and to open up the shower bath facilities in the aquarium.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INDEPENDENCE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and replace benches in Independence Park, Ward 6, having some facing towards the par k and also to install additional lights.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROACHES TO SOUTH BOSTON BRIDGES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have adequate signs placed far enough ahead on approaches to the South Boston bridges to warn drivers of motor vehicles of the closing of said bridges in order to prevent serious traffic tie-ups in those areas.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF SPARHAWK AND BURTON STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Sparkhawk and Burton streets in Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN OF $7,000,000 FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. BRYAN and LINEHAN offered the following:
Whereas, The Boston Housing Authority has unwisely expended about 50 per cent of the $20,000,000 appropriated for veterans' housing under chapter 372 on multiple dwellings, rather than one-and two-family dwellings which after five years from the date of construction could be sold to individual veterans and thus become taxable;
Ordered, That under authority of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1936 as amended, entitled "An Act to Provide Housing for Veterans of World War II," the sum of seven million dollars ($7,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to meet expenses necessary for carrying out section 6 of said chapter, and that the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.
Referred to Committee on Finance.

OPINION RE LICENSES FOR OPEN-AIR PARKING SPACES.

Coun. BEADES and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Corporation Counsel to immediately render an opinion as requested on January 30, 1950, by the Boston City Council, which request was as follows:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hand down a legal opinion and interpretation of chapter 148, section 56, of the General Laws — "the Board of Street Commissioners grants licenses for open-air parking spaces" — regarding the proposed open-air theaters at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, and 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF FENCES BY NEW HAVEN RAILROAD.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor require the New Haven Railroad Company to repair the fences along its right of way in Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF CONGRESSMAN FOGARTY OF RHODE ISLAND RE PARTITION OF IRELAND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, The fundamental principle justifying the expenditure of American taxpayers' money in the form of E.C.A. funds is to foster the spread of the American ideal of democracy and to help the so-called democratic nations to recover from the effects of the recent war fought against dictatorship; and

Whereas, It is absolutely inconsistent with the purpose of these loans that any recipient of these funds should use the same either directly or indirectly to deprive another nation of its democratic right of self-determination; and

Whereas, England, a major beneficiary under the terms of the E.C.A., persists in maintaining a puppet government in a small segment of Northern Ireland, and

Whereas, The unnatural and artificial partition of Ireland in effect deprives the people of the Irish nation of their God-given, democratic right of national self-determination; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled congratulates and commends Congressman Fogarty of Rhode Island for his vigorous and gallant attempt to require England to perform its duty as a so-called democratic nation by ending its stupid and unjust partition of Ireland and to retreat from its hypocritical position of accepting money and aid in the name of democracy while at the same time, by military force supplied in large measure by an America which intended the arms to be used in supporting democracy, it maintains and supports an illegal and tyrannical gang in power in Northern Ireland.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey it was voted to amend the foregoing resolution by adding the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to do everything possible to bring about a united Ireland, even to the point of refusing any further financial assistance to England unless and until proper steps have been taken by the British Government to correct this intolerable situation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress.

The resolution as amended was adopted under suspension of the rule.

CONTRACTS OF HANCOCK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to withhold approval of any work on city contracts by the Hancock Construction Company until a complete investigation is made of street paving work done by said company; and be it further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston to proceed upon legal basis to declare said company ineligible to accept further city contracts.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES TO REPLACE JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Whereas, In order to establish a veterans' hospital in the City of Boston, the Committee on Public Lands reported favorably and the City Council voted to allow the sale of a large part of the Jefferson Playground as a site for said hospital; and

Whereas, The federal government has paid the City of Boston approximately $75,000 for said landtaking; be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor transfer said $75,000 to the Park Department; and be it further

Ordered, That the Park Department expend said $75,000 in the development of new playground facilities in the same general area.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED PERSONNEL AT STATION 11.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to detail more men to Station 11 in Dorchester, in order to cover the many crossings at nearby schools and main thoroughfares, as this station house is now undermanned.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS ON TRENT STREET, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the gas lamps on Trent street, Ward 15, with bracket electric lights on existing poles.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEVISION SET AT PARKMAN BANDSTAND.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a television set at the Parkman Bandstand, on Boston Common, said set to be operated at proper times when the bandstand is not officially used.

Recent investigation has shown that many undesirable persons have been using this area as a sounding board for the dispersal of un-American doctrines and communistic propaganda, disturbing the citizens using the area for peaceful recreation and rest. A television program will eliminate this condition in an effective, attractive American manner.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out diamonds for hardball and softball, together with backstops for all the diamonds, at Columbus Park, Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Chase the Council voted to take a recess at 3.44 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman WENZLER at 4.10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Elizabeth B. Thompson (referred February 13) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Joseph W. Thompson, late member of the Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,200 be allowed and paid to Elizabeth B. Thompson, widow of Joseph W. Thompson, a member of the Fire Department, who died on July 24, 1949, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on order (referred March 27) accepting chapter 243 of Acts of 1950 re annual vacations for certain police officers of the City of Boston—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for sale at public auction at upset price of $22,500 of ferryboat "Ralph J. Palumbo"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for amendment and release of contract, between City of Boston and Public Housing Administration, dated May 7, 1946—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was passed, yeas 13, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—13.

Nays—0.

STEEL FLAGPOLE FOR FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to erect a steel flagpole in Franklin Field to replace the flagpole struck by lightning.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PRINTING OF BOSTON STREET DIRECTORY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Supervisor of the Printing Plant in conjunction with the Board of Street Commissioners to prepare and print one thousand copies of the Boston Street Directory, of which at least 500 copies shall be hard covered—for use of the City Messenger and the City Document Division.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED PERSONNEL, STATIONS 19 AND 3.

Coun. FARIN, ANSEL, and LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to increase the personnel in Stations 19 and 3, so that the school crossings may adequately be taken care of during school hours.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.15 P.M., on motion of Councilor Bryan, to meet on Monday, April 10, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 10, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Coffey, Lane, P. A. Tracy, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

CONSTABLES CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby appoint the following-named persons as constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1950, not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond.

The commissions of all constables not named herein expire on April 30, 1950, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1950, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

1950-51—CONSTABLES CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

Harry A. Abrams, 53 Lindsey street, Ward 17.
Patrick Barrett, 202 South street, Ward 11.
Frank Bevilacqua, 172 Salem street, Ward 3.
Philip P. Bryan, 18 Alhambra road, Ward 20.
George A. Cantwell, 8 Mamelon Circle, Ward 18.
Daniel W. Carney, Jr., 605 Metropolitan avenue, Ward 18.
Joseph C. Coffey, 451 Meridian street, Ward 1.
William Connolly, 876 East Fourth street, Ward 6.
Frederick J. Corcoran, 32 Lenoxdale avenue, Ward 16.
John J. Cunniff, 321 South Huntington avenue, Ward 10.
Vito Dellaria, 185 Havre street, Ward 1.
Salvatore DiTavi, 429 Hanover street, Ward 3.
Philip E. Donlin, 30 Larchmont street, Ward 17.
Joseph L. Duffley, 30 Algonquin street, Ward 17.
Francis P. Fitzgerald, 40 Richview street, Ward 16.
Cornelius T. Fitzpatrick, 345 Neponset avenue, Ward 16.
John F. Fleming, 424 East Sixth street, Ward 7.
Joseph F. Floecher, 47 Allen street, Ward 3.
Owen P. Flynn, 5 Henry Sterling square, Ward 6.
Walter D. Flynn, 1156 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.
John Geraughty, 36 Clarence street, Ward 8.
Robert Gilbody, 3 Ely road, Ward 16.
Leo G. Grappocio, 47 Auburn street, Ward 3.
Charles B. Gray, 14 Pleasant Hill avenue, Ward 17.
Thomas F. Hogan, 377 Dudley street, Ward 8.
Thomas J. Hughes, 129 Lexington street, Ward 1.
Timothy F. Keefe, 26 Torrey street, Ward 17.
Edward Kelliher, 7 Highland street, Ward 9.
Herbert F. Kenney, 123 Conant street, Ward 10.
Mitchell Kolsti, 4331 Washington street, Ward 20.
Louis J. Lanata, 44 Rexford street, Ward 18.
James B. MacInnis, 3 Monadnock street, Ward 13.
Timothy J. Madden, 38 Bexley road, Ward 19.
Harold J. Mahoney, 774 East Sixth street, Ward 6.
George A. Martin, 141 Arlington street, Ward 5.
Edward Masterman, 28 Harlem street, Ward 14.
Patrick J. McCarthy, 63A Moreland street, Ward 12.
Edwin J. McGowan, 51 M street, Ward 6.
Charles J. McGrath, 46 Columbia road, Ward 14.
John J. McManus, 191 Parsons street, Ward 22.
Arthur A. Montuori, 13 Corregidor court, Ward 8.
Robert F. Morey, 278 Old Colony avenue, Ward 7.
James J. Murphy, 7 Myrtle place, Ward 12.
Alfred E. Natale, 11 Sheafe street, Ward 3.
Edward H. Nelligan, 1721 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.
George A. Nelson, 224 Bunker Hill street, Ward 2.
John F. O'Brien, 1156 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.
David I. O'Connor, 1617 Tremont street, Ward 10.
Alexander Pless, 71 Phillips street, Ward 5.
Joseph H. Radley, 660 Huntington avenue, Ward 10.
Louis Reppucci, 282 North street, Ward 3.
Harry Roberts, 182 West Canton street, Ward 4.
Barney Rubin, 318B Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.
Joseph Russian, 35 Lawrence avenue, Ward 14.
Francis X. Singleton, 109 Calumet street, Ward 10.
George Strait, 23 Harold street, Ward 12.
William A. Stratton, 47 Hampstead road, Ward 11.
Louis Taylor, 38 Intervale street, Ward 12.
Edward Villeboseaux, 7½ Wait street, Ward 10.
Thomas F. Walsh, 57 Mt. Ida road, Ward 15.
Chester K. Wickes, 699 Hyde Park avenue, Ward 18.
Francis A. Winnett, 43 High street, Ward 2.
George S. Zarthar, 40 West Newton street, Ward 9.

Supervisor of Licensed Minors.

Timothy F. Regan, 4A Weld street, Ward 11.

Animal Rescue League.

Archibald MacDonald, 710 East Sixth street, Ward 6.

Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

Harry L. Allen, 180 Longwood avenue, Ward 4.

Van Drivers Appointed by the Court.

George H. Bradley, 205 Billings street, Atlantic.
Raymond F. Green, 496 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 9.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

CONSTABLES AUTHORIZED TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS.

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The commissions of all constables authorized to serve civil process not named herein expire on April 30, 1950, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1950, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

1950-51, CONSTABLES AUTHORIZED TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS UPON FILING BONDS.

Harry Abrevaya, 18 Horan Way, Ward 10.
Joseph Ackman, 27 Wilmore street, Ward 18.
Donald M. Ahigian, 241 Columbus avenue, Ward 4.
Henry Atwood, 28 Melbourne street, Ward 16.
Samuel C. Baker, 25A Wabon street, Ward 12.
William J. Baker, 20 Laconia street, Ward 3.
Irving E. Bennett, 20 Deckard street, Ward 12.
Lester Berger, 443 Beacon street, Ward 5.
Harold Blander, 21 Evelyn street, Ward 18.
Alfred Blaustein, 23 Fernboro street, Ward 14.
Abram Bornstein, 625 Warren street, Ward 12.
George W. Brooker, 258 Park street, Ward 20.
Howard P. Camden, 35 Range road, Ward 17.
James A. Canton, 169 Glenway street, Ward 14.
Sidney Cohen, 70 American Legion Highway, Ward 14.
Robert P. Colbert, 5 Sunset street, Ward 10.

Leo P. Conlan, 123 Strandview road, Ward 13.
John M. Crawford, 27 Washington street, Ward 2.
Henry G. Dahlquist, 15 Regan road, Ward 17.
John Andrew D'Arcy, 51 Colchester street, Ward 18.
Edward A. DeSimone, 1130 Saratoga street, Ward 1.
James E. Desmond, 7 Mapleton street, Ward 22.
Patrick J. Donovan, 27 Lorette street, Ward 20.
William J. DuRoss, 462 Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 16.
Roland W. Golden, 38 Regent street, Ward 12.
Abner Goldkrand, 48 Wenonah street, Ward 12.
Meyer Goldstein, 27 Long avenue, Ward 21.
Salvatore Grassa, 11 Copeland street, Ward 12.
John W. Herbert, 726 Saratoga street, Ward 1.
Edward G. Hession, 34 Thetford avenue, Ward 17.
Edward I. Hoffman, 395 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 12.
Max Kaplan, 55 North Russell street, Ward 3.
Arnold Klevens, 106 Millet street, Ward 17.
Bronis Kontrim, 120 Marine road, Ward 7.
Mark H. Krafsur, 447 Norfolk street, Ward 14.
Nathan Kravitsky, 306 Washington street, Ward 14.
Charles I. Lesser, 120 Corey road, Ward 21.
John A. Lettcney, 2417 Centre street, Ward 20.
Louis Levendorf, 421 Warren street, Ward 12.
Maurice Levine, 40 Wolcott street, Ward 14.
Anthony Luongo, 855 Saratoga street, Ward 1.
William H. Lynch, 236 Kittredge street, Ward 18.
Frank J. Macchia, 770 East Fourth street, Ward 6.
Salvatore Maffei, 11 Orient avenue, Ward 1.
Andrew Martin, 154 Stanwood street, Ward 14.
Joseph W. McCleary, 307 West street, Ward 18.
Francis J. Melville, Jr., 10 Auburn street, Ward 2.
Norman M. Menzies, Jr., 17 New street, Ward 1.
Frank A. Mitchell, 7 Bruce street, Ward 16.
Michael W. Ober, 48 Ballou avenue, Ward 14.
Ralph Ober, 48 Ballou avenue, Ward 14.
Louis H. Oppenheim, 7 Mt. Hood road, Ward 21.
Andrew J. Palermo, 18 Bloomfield street, Ward 17.
Hector Palladino, 12 Greenough Lane, Ward 3.
Phillip S. Phillips, 829 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.
George N. Pierce, 15 Atherton street, Ward 11.
Thomas C. Quinn, 16 Oak square, Ward 22.
Louis B. Ransom, 890 Albany street, Ward 8.
Louis Richmond, 111 Waumbeck street, Ward 12.
Frank A. Roche, 20 Lexington street, Ward 1.
Edward J. Rockett, 15 Worcester square, Ward 8.
Jacob B. Rosenthal, 9 Hansborough street, Ward 14.
William T. Ross, 41 Intervale street, Ward 14.
Russell P. Saia, 163 O street, Ward 6.
Hyman Sandler, 31 Wales street, Ward 14.
Jacob E. Schrank, 735 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20.
Joseph P. Schrank, 735 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Ward 20.
Francis C. Shack, 22 Delle avenue, Ward 10.
Frank Shaw, 12 Codman street, Ward 17.
Edward W. Sheehan, 26 Burgoyne street, Ward 16.
Richard W. Sheehan, 559 Ashmont street, Ward 16.
Sidney Sheinfeld, 166 Rosseter street, Ward 14.
Isaac Shulman, 128 Devon street, Ward 14.
Joseph L. Shurtleff, 39 Union Park street, Ward 8.
Joseph Simansky, 77 Nightingale street, Ward 14.
Henry J. D. Small, 14 Windermere road, Ward 13.
Leon Small, 19 Esmond street, Ward 14.
Clifford L. Smith, 56 Edison Green, Ward 13.
Harry Smith, 526 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 9.
Solomon Spack, 16 Georgia street, Ward 12.
Frank Spano, 31 Sargent street, Ward 13.
Jerome Suvalle, 19 Owen street, Ward 18.
Benjamin J. Tackeff, 52 Columbia road, Ward 14.
William Tatel, 172 Seaver street, Ward 12.
Eugene D. Tobias, 62 Homestead street, Ward 12.
Joseph Todisco, 101 Bennington street, Ward 1.
Rudolph L. Trent, 30 Sarsfield street, Ward 9.
Roman J. Vasil, 11 Granada avenue, Ward 18.
Sidney Williams, 37 Winthrop street, Ward 12.
Louis Yacker, 1063 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.
Morris Youman, 5 Pama Gardens, Ward 22.
Thomas A. Riley, Jr., 106 Moore street, Ward 1.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPOINTMENT OF MINOR OFFICERS PAID BY FEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I make the following appointments of minor officers paid by fees for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1950.

The appointments of all such officers not named herein are hereby revoked from and after April 30, 1950.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

(Annexed was a list of appointments as contained in City Document No. 43.)

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AT WASHINGTON AND RIVER STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning pedestrian islands at the junction of Washington street and River street, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
April 4, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your communication of March 29 enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Farin requesting that pedestrian islands be put at the junction of Washington street and River street, Ward 17.

The reconstruction of River street, Dorchester district, between Blue Hill avenue and Dorchester avenue, as a Chapter 90 project, is now under consideration by the Public Works Commissioner.

Construction of a refuge island at the intersection of River street and Washington street will be included in the proposed work at the time of construction.

Very truly yours,
Gerald F. Scally,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

MANTHORNE ROAD AND WILLOW STREET AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 20, 1950, requesting that Manthorne road and Willow street be made one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission.

April 4, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated February 20, 1950, Requesting That Manthorne Road and Willow Street Be Made One Way.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on March 30, 1950, it was voted to make Manthorne road one way from Centre street to Weld street and Willow street one way from Weld street to Centre street.

These regulations become effective beginning April 17, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

DIAGONAL PARKING IN UPHAMS CORNER SECTION OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the establishment of diagonal parking in the Uphams Corner section of Columbia road.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 4, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Concerning Council order dated March 20, 1950, requesting consideration of the establishment of diagonal parking in the Uphams Corner section of Columbia road, I wish to report that reconstruction of Columbia road is about to take place and an additional island is being incorporated in the new roadway.

A system of traffic lights is likewise included, and a great improvement in the flow of traffic on this highway is expected to result upon the completion of this project.

In order to maintain the improvement, our engineers are opposed to permitting angle parking in any portion of Columbia road.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WILDER STREET, WARD 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the advisability of reconstructing Wilder street, Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works study the advisability of reconstructing Wilder street, Ward 14, and this will advise you that the public portion thereof, namely, Washington street to Geneva avenue, will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

That part of Wilder street between Geneva avenue and Oldfields road is a private way and will have to be accepted, laid out, and construction ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, 401 City Hall Annex, Boston.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the cleaning of streets throughout the city in preparation of the observance of Easter and the Passover Holiday.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 4, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon.:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of March 27:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a special effort in the cleaning of streets throughout the city in preparation of the observance of Easter and the Passover holiday."

For the past two weeks all eligible employees of the Sanitary Division have been devoting their time to street cleaning work, and for the past week they have been supplemented by most of the employees in the Paving Service. All street sweepers are now in operation and they worked overtime last Saturday and Sunday, in an effort to have the streets in a clean condition by Easter.

You may be assured, therefore, that we are making every reasonable effort to comply with the provisions of the above-referenced order.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SEWER AND WATER DRAINAGE IN ALLSTON AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the starting of work to correct the unhealthy conditions caused by the sewer and water drainage in the Allston area, namely, between North Harvard street and the streets adjoining as far as Everett street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston
Public Works Department,
March 31, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of March 27:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner and the Chief Engineer of the Sewer Division be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately start work relative to correcting the unhealthy conditions caused by the sewer and water drainage in the Allston area, namely, between North Harvard street and the streets adjoining as far as Everett street."

I shall ask the Division Engineer of the Sewer Division, Mr. Shea, to make a thorough study of the problem referred to above, and I shall transmit to Councilor Shanley, when the report is ready, a copy of it.

You may be assured that we shall do everything within reason to correct these conditions to the extent of the available appropriations.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON P STREET PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order

of March 27, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on the P Street Project in South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston
Public Works Department,
April 3, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on the P Street Project in South Boston, and this will advise you that this work has been placed on the list to be given consideration during the current year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

TELEPHONE IN SOUTH BOSTON MUNICIPAL GYMNASIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the installation of a telephone in the South Boston Municipal Gymnasium for emergency use in case of accident or injury.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 31, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from your office, with attached enclosure, City Council order requesting the installation of a telephone in the South Boston Municipal Gymnasium for emergency use in case of accident or injury and in order to obtain speedy treatment for the person involved.

We are making the necessary arrangements for the installation of a telephone as requested by this order.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

INCREASED PERSONNEL AT POLICE STATIONS 3, 11, AND 19.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the detail of more men to Station 11 in Dorchester in order to cover the many crossings at nearby schools and main thoroughfares.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, April 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith orders of the City Council dated April 3, 1950, requesting additional personnel in Stations 3, 11 and 19 for the purpose of covering school crossings.

At the present time, there are more officers in the department than ever in its history, but there is no way in which I could transfer them to the stations mentioned without crippling other locations.

Very truly yours,
T. F. Sullivan, Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning increasing the personnel in Stations 3 and 19 so that the school crossings may adequately be taken care of during school hours.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, April 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith orders of the City Council dated April 3, 1950, requesting additional personnel in Stations 3, 11 and 19 for the purpose of covering school crossings.

At the present time, there are more officers in the department than ever in its history, but there is no way in which I could transfer them to the stations mentioned without crippling other locations.

Very truly yours,
T. F. Sullivan, Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

SPEEDY SELECTION OF SITES FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the speeding up of the selection of available sites for the construction of veterans' housing in order that the City of Boston may obtain its share of financial assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
March 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Boston Housing Authority has selected and had approved by the State Housing Board, sites for the construction of veterans' housing which will exceed Boston's allotment of $48,000,000 by approximately $10,000,000.

Sincerely yours,
Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF CALF PASTURE SITE FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the Calf Pasture site for veterans' housing.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
March 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Boston Housing Authority has submitted and has had approved by the State Housing Board, sites for veterans' housing which more than exceed Boston's allotment under Chapter 200, so that the Calf Pasture site cannot be considered for veterans' housing at this time.

This does not mean that the site is not still under consideration for housing at this time.

Sincerely yours,
Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF THERMOSTATS IN HOUSING PROJECT APARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the installation of thermostats in the individual apartments of the various housing units under the control of the Authority.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
March 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Authority has looked into the subject of individual thermostat heater control in the various housing projects under the control of the Boston Housing Authority and its experts have decided that this would be a needless and extravagant expenditure at this time.

Sincerely yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PAYMENT OF CARFARES TO CERTAIN RELIEF RECIPIENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of February 20, 1950, concerning the payment of carfares to those persons on relief who work outside their district.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Overseers of the Public Welfare,
in the City of Boston,
April 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Attention of Mr. Thomas Shannon.
Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council passed February 20, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be authorized, through his Honor the Mayor, to pay carfares to those persons on relief who work outside their district."

With respect to said order, the Overseers wish to advise you that it is their established practice in the case of individuals who, as recipients of General Relief, work for their assistance to assign such individuals, in so far as it is possible, to work for departments of the city which can utilize their services in the districts in which they live and, to the extent that it is not possible so to do, to provide such individuals with tickets enabling them to use the transportation facilities of the Metropolitan Transit Authority in getting to and from their respective places of work.

Very truly yours,
HENRY E. FOLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FEDERAL RENT CONTROL ACT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Congressman John W. McCormack relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the favoring of a strong rent-control act by the federal government.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives,
Office of the Majority Leader,
Washington, D. C.,
March 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Mayor's Office.
Dear Friend:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 9, attaching copy of an order passed by the Boston City Council which I am pleased to receive.

I want to frankly advise you that I believe that the rent-control legislation should be extended for another year, but I also want to further frankly advise you that there will be powerful opposition to the passage of such legislation.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN W. MCCORMACK.

Placed on file.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a loan order in the sum of $2,000,000, for the construction of public ways or permanent pavements, I also submit communication from the Commissioner of Public Works with relation to this request.

It is essential that funds be appropriated to reconstruct various streets in Boston, both main streets and residential streets. During this year four main streets will be reconstructed under the Chapter 90 statute, in which the city pays half of the construction cost and the state the remaining half. At the present time the Commissioner of Public Works estimates that, in addition to the Chapter 90 projects, it will be necessary to expend approximately $2,000,000 to reconstruct those streets in the city which are at the present time in poor condition.

I recommend, therefore, that your Honorable Body give approval to this loan order, herewith attached, and that such approval be given as promptly as possible so that the work may be commenced and finished during the summer and early fall seasons.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

As of January 1 of the current year, there was an unencumbered balance of $399,050.35 in the "Public Ways, Construction of" account. In 1949 the department encumbered $3,608,449.65 from this account, charged as follows:

Final estimates paid on 1948 contracts	$856,921 06	
Contracts awarded in 1949	2,604,373 03	
Payroll charges in 1949:		
Paving Service		71,308 82
Street Commissioners		75,846 74
Total		$3,608,449 65

During the current year, we intend to undertake so-called Chapter 90 State Aid Projects in the total estimated amount of $1,050,000.

Half of this amount will be paid by the state and the other half by the City of Boston. The following-listed streets are to be reconstructed as Chapter 90 projects:

Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester; Western Avenue, Brighton; Columbia Road, Dorchester; River Street, Dorchester.

In addition to the Chapter 90 projects, it is most essential that we carry out our normal street construction and reconstruction program. I feel that we will need at least $2,000,000, in addition to our present unencumbered balance, to provide sufficient funds to effect our Chapter 90 program and our normal street improvement work.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that the attached loan order—which provides for the issuance of so-called "Public Ways, Construction

of" bonds in the amount of $2,000,000—be submitted to the City Council for the approval of that Body.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 5 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of two million dollars ($2,000,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the Construction of Public Ways or Permanent Pavement, and that, to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

SALE OF LAND ON GRANITE STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The City of Boston is the owner in fee of approximately 9,031 square feet of land located in Granite street in the South Boston district. On April 5, 1950, the Board of Street Commissioners passed an order discontinuing that portion of Granite street from West First street to West Second street and voted that the portion of Granite street so discontinued was no longer required for any municipal purpose.

The Board of Street Commissioners has recommended that this land be sold at private sale, for the purchase price of nine thousand dollars ($9,000), to the Gillette Safety Razor Company. The acquisition of this land will enable the company to develop more fully its properties on Granite street. The company has been located in South Boston for approximately 50 years; employs 2,967 persons; and holds real estate assessed for $2,327,900.

In view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that this land should be sold to the Gillette Safety Razor Company at private sale for the proposed sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000).

I transmit herewith communication received from Gerald F. Scally of the Board of Street Commissioners, and I also submit herewith an order whereby the City of Boston may sell approximately 9,031 square feet of land located in Granite street to the Gillette Safety Razor Company.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
April 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

By an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed April 5, 1950, and approved by your Honor on said date, Granite street in the South Boston district was discontinued for a distance of 50 feet between West First street and West Second street. This order was recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds on April 6, 1950. The City of Boston is the owner in fee of 9,031 square feet of land within the limits of Granite street as discontinued. The Gillette Safety Razor Company owns in fee lands and buildings abutting on the northwesterly and southeasterly sides of Granite street within the limits of the discontinued portion of said street.

The Gillette Safety Razor Company has consulted with this Board with reference to the purchase from the City of Boston of the city-owned parcel and has offered to pay the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) for a deed to this property.

It is the opinion of this Board that the parcel of land is no longer required for any municipal purpose and it is the recommendation of this Board that the land be sold at private sale to the Gillette Safety Razor Company for the stated consideration of nine thousand dollars ($9,000).

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

Whereas, The City of Boston, by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed April 5, 1950, and approved by the Mayor April 5, 1950, and recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds April 6, 1950, discontinued a part of the public highway named Granite street, between West First street and West Second street in the South Boston district, subject to all rights of the City of Boston to lay, maintain, operate, repair, and renew water works and their adjuncts, and all rights of public utility companies for their structures existing therein at the date of said order; and

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land containing approximately nine thousand and thirty-one (9,031) square feet within that area of Granite street discontinued as a public highway under the aforesaid order of the Board of Street Commissioners; and

Whereas, The said area of land owned in fee by the City of Boston is no longer required for any public purpose; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at private sale and convey to the Gillette Safety Razor Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business in Boston, for the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000), by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to a certain parcel of land, hereinafter described, subject, however, to all rights of the City of Boston to lay, maintain, operate, repair, and renew water works and their adjuncts, and all rights of public utility companies for their structures existing in said parcel of land as of the date of said order of discontinuance. The said parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by the northeasterly line of West Second street, fifty (50) feet; northwesterly by land of Gillette Safety Razor Company, one hundred eighty and 62-100 (180.62) feet; northeasterly by the northwesterly line of West First street, fifty (50) feet; southeasterly by other land of Gillette Safety Razor Company, one hundred eighty and 62-100 (180.62) feet; containing 9,031 square feet, more or less.

The above parcel of land and all of said measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Granite Street, South Boston, March 23, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," on file in said department.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Margaret P. Brooks, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Holbrook street.

Dorothy Cahill, for compensation for injuries caused by fire truck.

Beatrice Cogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Temple street.

Charles R. Ely, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Bernard W. Fay, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Charles Foley, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Ruth, Carol, Donald, and Samuel Hecht, for compensation for injuries and damage to property caused by an alleged defect in ferryboat.

Anne T. Heffernan, for compensation for loss of fur coat at City Hospital.

Lionel A. Labrie, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Portland street.

Michael Lynch, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Paul J. Manning, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Bartley McDonough, for compensation for damage to property at 16 Melbourne street, Dorchester, caused by ball thrown from Wainwright Park.

Kathryn Mullane, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Freeport street.

Patrick F. Nagle, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

James G. Polites, for compensation for damage to property at 88 Compton street, caused by negligent maintenance of water mains.

Pasquale DeRosa, for compensation for damage to property at 292 Paris street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Executive.

Petition of Katherine F. Quinlan to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Timothy J. Quinlan, late member of the Fire Department.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Petition of Nicola Paone for certain children under fifteen years of age to appear at Boston Opera House on April 16, 1950.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority of $515 for carting, unloading, placing, and connecting 103 refrigerators at the Arborway Veterans' Housing Project.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on April 21 at 11 A.M. at its hearing room, 166 State House, on petition of the Metropolitan Transit Authority for relocation of double track in Blue Hill avenue from and connecting with existing double track north of Columbia road to Seaver street, etc.

Notice was received from the Departmet of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on April 13 at 11 A.M. at its hearing room, 166 State House, on petition of Trustees of Boston Metropolitan District for approval of maturity date and interest rate of $1,000,000 bonds of the district, 1950 Series B.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY J. SCALLI.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment of Anthony J. Scalli, 11 Monument square, Charlestown, as inspector of housing and sanitation (provisional) at $2,500 a year, effective April 5, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL M. DRISCOLL.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Daniel M. Driscoll of 419 Pond street, Jamaica Plain, as Principal Assessor for City of Boston for term ending March 31, 1955.

Placed on file.

DESIGNATION OF DANIEL M. DRISCOLL AS CHAIRMAN.

Notice was received from the Mayor of designation of Daniel M. Driscoll as chairman of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

RE PHYSICIAN IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 278 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Placing the Incumbent of the Office of Veteran Service Physician in the Department of Veterans' Services of the City of Boston under the Civil Service Laws and Relative to the Retirement Rights of the Incumbent of said Position", be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEVISION PROGRAM OF FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, ETC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Celebrations Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange a television program of the Franklin Park Zoo and other recreation and historical spots for the shut-ins and children in the City Hospital and private hospitals in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS AT HADRACK ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide "No Parking" signs at Hadrack Israel Synagogue on Woodrow avenue, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WALES STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of making Wales street to Harvard street a one-way street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SOCCER AREA IN FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide a soccer area with goal posts in Franklin Field.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF LAND ON PARK STREET, DORCHESTER.

On motion of Councilor Farin, the Council voted to take from the table No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for sale of land on Park street, Dorchester, to Wonder Laundries Company, Inc., for $250.

The question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 7, nays 8:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey—7.

Nays—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hannon, McCormack, Ramsey, Wenzler—8.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF HENRY F. CANTY.

Coun. BRYAN, McCORMACK, and CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Poplar and Washington streets, Roslindale, in honor of Pfc. Henry F. Canty, who made the supreme sacrifice while serving with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry, 26th Yankee Division, October 27, 1944, in France.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOHN P. LYONS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Anawan and Belgrade avenues, Roslindale, in honor of John P. Lyons, who was killed in action on May 10, 1944, while fighting on Makin Island in the Gilbert Island Group. He served with the Seventh Air Force in the Central Pacific and was credited with

27 missions, and was the recipient of the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR GROVE STREET SECTION.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Planning Board of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the Grove Street section of Ward 20, bounded by Washington, Stimson, Centre, and Grove streets, considered under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as a slum clearance and redevelopment project.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. KINSELLA, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Boston American League Baseball Company (referred March 20) for license for Sunday sports at Fenway Park — recommending that license be granted.

Report on petition of National League Baseball Club of Boston, Inc. (referred March 27), for license for Sunday sports at Braves Field — recommending that license be granted.

Reports accepted; said licenses granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF BONDS.

The surety bonds of the Boston American League Baseball Company and the National League Baseball Club of Boston, Inc., were submitted and approved by the Council.

"SLOW — CHILDREN" SIGN AT O AND SEVENTH STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a "Slow—Children" sign on the pole at O and Seventh streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BAND CONCERTS AT CITY POINT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for band concerts at City Point, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF STEPS, SOUTH BOSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the broken steps in front of the South Boston Municipal Building.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CRAWFORD STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Crawford street a one-way street from Elm Hill avenue to Warren street in Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF LAND TO F. W. WEBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 3 on the Calendar, viz.:

3. Order for sale of land at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company for $11,140.

On March 27, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas nineteen, nays two.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 12, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—12.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Bryan—1.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey the foregoing vote was reconsidered.

On further motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey the order was laid on the table.

Adjourned at 2.35 P.M., on motion of Councilor Bryan, to meet on Monday, April 17, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 17, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Beades and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN CONSTABLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

In the annual list of constables not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond for the term ending April 30, 1951, submitted to your Honorable Body on April 10, 1950, the following-named constables appeared through error:

John J. Cunniff, 321 South Huntington avenue, Ward 10.
Walter D. Flynn, 1156 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.
Louis Repucci, 202 North street, Ward 3.
William A. Stratton, 47 Hampstead road, Ward 11.
Edward Villeboseaux, 7½ Wait street, Ward 10.

I hereby withdraw my appointment of the above-named individuals as constables and these names, therefore, are to be stricken from the aforesaid list.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby appoint the following-named persons as constables of the City of Boston, without authority to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for the term ending April 30, 1951:

Louis Repucci, 202 North street, Ward 3.
Carl J. Brinkman, 922 East Broadway, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

RECONSTRUCTION OF SPARHAWK AND BURTON STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Sparhawk and Burton streets in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Sparhawk and Burton streets in Ward 22, and please be advised as follows:

Sparhawk street, Cambridge to Market streets, will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Burton street, Washington to Bellamy streets, will also be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Burton street, Bellamy to Tilton street, is a private way and no construction work can be performed in this portion of the street until same has been laid out, accepted, and construction ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, Room 401, City Hall Annex, Boston.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON EMERSON STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on Emerson street, Ward 6, between I and K streets, replacing the present brick sidewalks.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on Emerson street, Ward 6, between I and K streets, replacing the present brick sidewalks, and this will advise you that this work has been placed on the list to be given consideration during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CARE OF WELLESLEY PARK, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the care of the grounds owned by the city in Wellesley park in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 3, 1950, requesting the Park Commissioner to recall a caretaker to take care of the grounds owned by the city in Wellesley park in Dorchester.

This park is under the care and custody of the foreman in charge of squares and small parks, and I am sure that Councilor Farin will find that this park will be kept in good condition.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TELEVISION SET AT PARKMAN BANDSTAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the installation of a television set at the Parkman Bandstand, on Boston Common.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated April 3, 1950, requesting the installation of a television set at the Parkman Bandstand, on Boston Common, said set to be operated at proper times when the bandstand is not officially used.

This is a matter that the Park Department has had under consideration for some time, and I hope to effect plans whereby the erection of a television set at this location might be made possible.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the installation of two softball diamonds in Marine Park and to open up the shower-bath facilities in the Aquarium.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 3, 1950, requesting the installation of two softball diamonds in Marine Park and to open up the shower-bath facilities in the Aquarium.

We have this matter under consideration and we will endeavor to be of service to the councilor.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SOCCER AREA, FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning a soccer area with goal posts in Franklin Field.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 10, requesting the Park Commission to provide a soccer area with goal posts in Franklin Field.

I have referred this matter to the Deputy Commissioner, and the necessary arrangements will be made to install these posts.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BAND CONCERTS AT CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning arrangements for band concerts at City Point, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 10, 1950, requesting an arrangement be made for band concerts at City Point, South Boston.

We have no appropriation in our budget for band concerts at City Point, or any other park locations. For the last several years the band concerts have been controlled by the Public Celebrations Division in the Mayor's office.

They have worked out an arrangement with the Musicians' Union whereby the city paid for half the concerts and the Union for the other half of the concerts that were held.

Mr. Brems in the Mayor's office is familiar with the arrangements.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR OFF-STREET PARKING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the purchase of land for off-street parking areas in conjunction with the Belgrade avenue extension.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
April 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Re: City Council Order of April 3, 1950, Requesting the Purchase of Land for Off-Street Parking Areas in Conjunction with the Belgrade Avenue Extension, the Same to Be Paid For Out of Parking Meter Receipts, as Provided under Chapter 776 of the Acts of 1949.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

In accordance with the above-mentioned Council order, this department will make a survey of the area and will inform you as to the outcome of said survey when it is completed.

The survey will be made not only to seek an area for off-street parking facilities in the Belgrade avenue extension district, but also for the purpose of compliance with the provisions of the statute referred to in the order.

Very truly yours,
Herman Carp, Chairman

Placed on file.

CALF PASTURE SITE FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the State Housing Board relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the Calf Pasture site being approved for veterans' housing.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State Housing Board, April 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

I am in receipt of a communication from Thomas Shannon, Chief Clerk in your office, with which he encloses an order by the Boston City Council passed on March 20, 1950. The order recites in substance that the Boston Housing Authority has been unsuccessful in obtaining zoning changes necessary to construct projects on desirable sites and that, therefore, the Calf Pasture site should be approved for veterans' housing.

These comments upon this order are restricted to the veterans' housing program under the provisions of chapter 200, of the Acts of 1948. The State Housing Board has little control over selection of sites under the Housing Act of 1949.

A review of the Boston picture under chapter 200 may not be out of place at this time. The Boston Housing Authority has completed construction of 972 units in South Boston and 72 units on Camden street. There is presently under construction a development of 258 units on Faneuil street in Brighton. The Housing Authority has advertised for construction bids on a second Brighton project totaling 648 units and on a Hyde Park project of 200 units.

Approval has been given by this Board for the construction of 252 units on Archdale road, Roslindale, 400 units in the Orient Heights section of East Boston, and 351 units on Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton.

The Boston Housing Authority has recently applied for State financial assistance for the construction of 278 units on the Wood Memorial Estate in Dorchester, 840 units on Franklin Field, 261 units at Washington and Beech streets, West Roxbury, and 250 units on South street, Jamaica Plain.

I expect that these applications will be approved very shortly but not necessarily for the number of units applied for in each case. If all these units are constructed, Boston will have built a total of 4,582 units under the chapter 200 program. This building would involve total development costs of approximately $62,000,000.

At the present time, the chapter 200 program is over-subscribed. We cannot give favorable consideration to additional sites. I may suggest, however, that in carrying out its program under the Housing Act of 1949, the Boston Housing Authority give careful consideration to the Calf Pasture site.

Very truly yours,
FREDERICK W. ROCHE, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HOUSING PROJECT ON JAMAICA CAR YARD SITE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the State Housing Board relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning a housing project to be erected on the so-called car yard site on South street, Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State Housing Board, April 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

I am in receipt of a communication from Thomas Shannon, Chief Clerk, dated March 22, 1950, and calling to my attention a City Council order dated March 20, 1950, requesting that a housing project be erected on the so-called car yard site on South street, Jamaica Plain. It is further requested that a hearing be held on this matter so that residents in the section may have an opportunity to explain the desirability of such a project.

I am happy to report that the Boston Housing Authority has recently applied for state assistance in the development of a veterans' housing project on this site. I have given the approval of the State Housing Board to this development. I hope that planning will be promptly completed and construction of approximately 250 housing units will be begun in the near future.

Very truly yours,
FREDERICK W. ROCHE, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF PORTABLE BUILDINGS BY VETERANS' ALLIED COUNCIL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the School Committee of the City of Boston relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning the turning over of portable buildings now used by the Old Age Section of the Public Welfare Department, at the corner of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue to the Veterans' Allied Council of the Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan area.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
School Committee, April 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At a conference of the School Committee held on March 28, 1950, the following order passed by the City Council on March 6, 1950, was presented:

"Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of turning over the portable buildings now used by the Old Age Section of the Public Welfare Department, at the corner of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, to the Veterans' Allied Council of the Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan area to be used on a schedule for meetings of Veterans' Organizations that are, at present, in dire need of quarters. Said buildings will become vacant upon completion of the Health Unit Center at the corner of Harvard street and Blue Hill avenue."

These buildings have been loaned to the Overseers of Public Welfare of the City of Boston and we have been informed by that department that they are still using these buildings and will be for some time.

Under the circumstances, the Committee is not able to grant the request of the organizations mentioned in the order of the City Council.

Very truly yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF STEPS, SOUTH BOSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the repairing of broken steps in front of the South Boston Municipal Building.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
April 14, 1950.

Thomas J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your memorandum of April 12, concerning City Council order of April 10, 1950, requesting the repair of broken steps in front of South Boston Municipal Building.

This department has made provision in our budget for the above-named repairs. On account of the nature of the work necessitating favorable weather we have been unable to start the work. I can assure you that the work will be done at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT OLD ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the placing of pedestrian lights at Old road and Michigan avenue in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Following our acknowledgment of the receipt of City Council order of March 27, 1950, requesting a study of the advisability of placing pedestrian lights at Old road and Michigan avenue in Ward 14, I wish to report that our engineers have studied this proposal and have arrived at the following finding:

This intersection is within the sphere of influence of two traffic signals, one at Blue Hill avenue and Columbia road and the other at Blue Hill avenue and Glenway street. As a result, there are always intervals where there is no traffic proceeding through Old road and the traffic in Michigan avenue is relatively slight. Therefore, a pedestrian, by waiting a moment or two, can usually pass this intersection safely.

With the great demand for traffic lights at points of serious congestion and in other more dangerous locations in Dorchester, it is our opinion that action on this recommendation should be postponed at present.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS AT BYNNER AND DAY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning a "Stop" sign to be erected at Bynner and Day streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order of March 27, 1950, Requesting that a "Stop" Sign Be Erected at Bynner and Day Streets.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers have completed the survey in the area in the vicinity of Bynner and Day streets, Ward 10, and orders have been issued to erect two "Slow" signs in the Bynner street approaches to the intersection of Bynner street and Day street, in the following manner:

One in the northwest side of Bynner street about 90 feet northeast of Day street.

One in the southeast side of Bynner street about 90 feet southwest of Day street.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS AT HADRACK ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the placing of "No Parking" signs at Hadrack Israel Synagogue on Woodrow avenue in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledgment of Council order dated April 10, 1950, requesting "No Parking" signs at Hadrack Israel Synagogue on Woodrow avenue in Ward 14, I will have our engineers survey this location and order the signs placed if it is found to be feasible.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WALES STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the advisability of making Wales street a one-way street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of April 10, requesting that a study be made as to the advisabliity of making Wales street a one-way street, please be informed that this will be done very shortly.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW — CHILDREN" SIGN AT O AND SEVENTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning a "Slow—Children" sign being placed at O and Seventh streets in Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Concerning Council order dated April 10, requesting that a "Slow—Children" sign be placed

at O and Seventh streets, in Ward 6, please be advised that I have issued orders to erect this sign.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ORDINANCE RE TIME OFF IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to granting time off to members of the Fire-fighting Force and Fire Alarm Division who are obliged to work on certain legal holidays.

Submitted herewith is an ordinance amending chapter 16 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 which will accomplish the above purpose and I respectfully recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, April 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I respectfully request that your Honor introduce the attached order into the City Council. Said order concerns the granting of time off to members of the Fire-fighting Force and Fire Alarm Division of this department who are obliged to work on ten legal holidays.

Also attached herewith is a copy of report which I have received from Chief of Department John F. McDonough concerning the procedure which will be followed in granting time off to members who are obliged to work on legal holidays.

Respectfully yours,
MICHAEL T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, April 12, 1950.

From: The Chief of Department.
To: The Fire Commissioner.
Subject: Holidays—Boston Fire Department.
Sir:

Relative to the proposal that members of the Boston Fire Department be granted time off for working on holidays, please be advised that I have studied the matter thoroughly and wish to state that the proposed plan can be adopted in this department.

There are ten recognized holidays, namely, New Year's Day, January 1, Washington's Birthday, February 22, Patriots' Day, April 19, Memorial Day, May 30, Independence Day, July 4, Labor Day, first Monday in September, Columbus Day, October 12, Armistice Day, November 11, Thanksgiving Day, last Thursday in November, Christmas Day, December 25.

There will be approximately one thousand men on duty on a holiday. I have prepared a special order to be promulgated to the department stating the procedure for granting members holiday credit time. The district chiefs and branch division heads will be instructed to extend this credit holiday time over a period of several weeks. Numerical strength will be reduced but in most cases a sufficient minimum of company strength will be maintained.

It will be necessary, due to the proximity of holidays at the end of the year, to extend credit time into the new year. Accumulation of time will not be allowed.

JOHN F. MCDONOUGH,
Chief of Department.

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City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning the Fire Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 16 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by adding the following two sections.

SECTION 8. If any member of the fire fighting force or fire alarm division of the Fire Department of the City of Boston is required to work on January first, February twenty-second, April nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday of September, October twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving day or Christmas day, or the day following when any of the five days first mentioned, or October twelfth, November eleventh or Christmas day, occurs on Sunday, he shall be granted an additional day off, or, if such additional day off cannot be granted by reason of a personnel shortage or other cause, he shall be entitled to an additional day's pay.

SECTION 9. The provisions of section one shall apply to those men whose hours of duty are within the twenty-four hour period commencing at eight o'clock ante meridian on the days there specified.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Joan Baldassari, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Mary Baldassari, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Jennie DeLuccio, for compensation for damage to property at 132 George street, Roxbury, by police car.

Thomas P. Dooley, to be reimbursed as result of executions issued against him.

Christine Duff, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Washington and Bromfield streets.

Shirley Gesserman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in McLellan street.

Paul Grande, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Joseph Guinasso, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Union street.

James H. Hislop, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Lawrence Motor Lines, Inc., for compensation for damage to car by city car.

James Letters, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Robert S. Levin, for compensation for damage to car by car of Sanitary Service.

Lena Lucido, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Vita Lucido, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Florrie MacKinnon, for compensation for injuries caused by car of School Committee.

Joseph Maio, for compensation for damage to property at 197 Marion street, East Boston, caused by break in water pipe.

Margaret L. Reed, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 148 Dana avenue, caused by water shut off.

Harry Rosenstien, for compensation for damage to property at 9 and 11 Columbine street, caused by water shut off.

Charles J. Shepherd, for compensation for damage to boiler at 97 Camden street, caused by water shut off.

Catherine F. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 155 Berkeley street.

Benjamin Tober, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Ernest H. Wheaton, for compensation for loss of property while patient at City Hospital.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Maria Paporello, Jordan Hall, June 2.

Adolphe Robicheau, John Hancock Hall, April 18.

Eleanor Rubin, East Boston High School, June 13.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

LEGISLATION RE PAYMENT TO PARENTS OF GERALD ESPOSITO.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation author-

izing the city to pay a sum of money to the parents of Gerald Esposito, for injuries which he sustained on or about August 27, 1949, because of a missing handrail on the slide at the Charter Street Playground, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS, WEST FIFTH STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on West Fifth street, between E and F streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGISLATION RE REINSTATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. COONEY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation relative to the reinstatement of William J. Cooney as a member of the Boston Fire Department for retirement purposes only, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT AT EMERSON AND EAST THIRD STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the junction of Emerson and East Third streets, Ward 6, opposite the gasoline station.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SENIOR REGISTRAR IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 311 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Placing the Incumbent of the Position of Senior Registrar in the Municipal Employment Bureau of the City of Boston under the Civil Service Laws and Rules" be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MEMBERSHIP IN STATE-BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 355 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Relative to Membership in the State-Boston Retirement System" be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PUBLIC HEARING RE HOUSING ON COW PASTURE SITE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor in conjunction with the Boston Housing Authority hold a public meeting with the directors of the Urban Redevelopment Corporation within the next two weeks relative to the proposal of said corporation to build fireproof apartment housing for some 12,032 families on the so-called "Cow Pasture" in Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MATTERS PENDING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be directed by the President of the City Council to furnish the members of the Council, previous to each meeting of the Council, a list of all orders and petitions pending before the various committees of the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF LAND TO F. W. WEBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

On motion of Coun. F. P. Tracey, the Council voted to take from the table No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for sale of land at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street to F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company for $11,140.

On March 27, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas nineteen, nays two.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Hannon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 27) for transfer of land on Harrison avenue, from Fire Department to Park Department— that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 10) for sale of land on Granite street, South Boston, to Gillette Safety Razor Company—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Hannon.

The order was assigned for fourteen days for final action.

APPROVAL OF FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on record as favoring the five-day week for the members of the Boston Police Department, as now submitted for the approval of the voters in the forthcoming November election.

The vast majority of our fellow citizens engaged in various trades and classifications of work, now enjoy the well-deserved benefits of modern labor regulations in their daily lives.

Approval of this order by the members of this Body, will serve to include this class of efficient public employees, engaged in perhaps the most hazardous of all occupations, in the present five-day week framework now enjoyed by all classes in our public service.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

STREET PAVING BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FORCES.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, Recent investigation of street paving done in the City of Boston discloses flagrant violations of contract agreements; and

Whereas, Terms of some of these contracts reveal that paving of streets in many instances includes only resurfacing without excavating and building of a new foundation; and

Whereas, Several cities throughout the nation have proven that a change from private contracting to public works contracting has resulted in a substantial decrease in the cost of street paving and a subsequent increase in the quality and quantity of paving work; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a system of street paving in the Public Works Department and to require said department to do all street pavingi n the residential areas of the city and in those areas of the commercial section of the city where such work can be done expeditiously.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WALTER F. ROONEY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Bennett, Oakland, and Beechcroft streets in honor of Pfc. Walter F. Rooney who lost his life in Italy on January 22, 1944, while in the service of his country during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECEIPT OF PENSION CHECKS BIMONTHLY.

Coun SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of having the city and county employees receive their pension checks every two weeks rather than on a monthly basis.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITION TO FENCE, MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. SHANLEY, for Coun. BEADES, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to add to the fence on the Adams street side of the Mary Hemenway Playground, thus preventing balls from going out of the park, causing damage to adjacent property.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RENT CONTROL LEGISLATION.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled this 17th day of April vigorously requests his Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Honorable Paul A. Dever, to make a thorough and continued study on the question of rent control legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, in his request, place the rent control legislation to be proposed under complete jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and it is the opinion of the membership of the Boston City Council that much red tape, inefficiency, and the proposed level of 10 per cent increase to be granted, may create a farce and defeat the very purposes of protection for the people of the Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, invite members of the Boston City Council to sit in with him and discuss this pressing problem, rent control protection for the citizens of Boston.

On motion of Councilor Linehan all reference to a State Rent Control Board was stricken from the order.

The order as amended was referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

CHECKING OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to check all streets and sidewalks which were constructed or reconstructed in the Ward 20 district during the past four years; and be it further

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to check all streets and sidewalks with a five-year guaranty, which were constructed during the last five years, in order to determine whether or not they are in proper condition before the guaranty runs out.

On motion of Councilor Linehan it was voted to amend the order to include all streets and sidewalks in the City of Boston on which there may be an outstanding guaranty or on which there may be civil or criminal liability not barred by the Statute of Limitations.

The order as amended was passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian lights outside St. Gregory's Church in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC GATES AT BIRD STREET CROSSING.

Coun. RAMSEY and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to intercede with the Public Utilities Commission in an effort to have them reconsider the matter of installing automatic gates at the Bird street railroad crossing in Wards 13 and 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROTARY TRAFFIC AT KANE SQUARE.

Coun. RAMSEY and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of making the circle at Kane square, Dorchester, one way for rotary traffic.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGNS AT HOMES AVENUE AND TOPLIFF STREET.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs at the intersection of Homes avenue and Topliff street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Michael Lynch (referred April 10) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Park Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) be allowed and paid to Michael Lynch in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to the Park Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Edwin J. McLaughlin (referred April 3) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of eight hundred seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents ($876.25) be allowed and paid to Edwin J. McLaughlin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to the Sanitary Division,

Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Bernard W. Fay (referred April 10) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as member of Police Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) be allowed and paid to Bernard W. Fay in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account› f his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT TOWNSEND, QUINCY, AND WARREN STREETS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place traffic lights at the junction of Townsend, Quincy, and Warren streets, Roxbury, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF HERBERT J. WOLFE SQUARE.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean up and fix up the Herbert J. Wolfe square at Crawford and Harold streets for the memorial services to be held there very shortly.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAINTING OF "SLOW" SIGNS ON CLIFF STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint "Slow" signs on Cliff street, leading to Warren street, in Roxbury, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF CHENEY STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Cheney street, Roxbury, Ward 12, immediately.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FRANKLIN PARK PLAY AREA SUPERVISION AND EQUIPMENT.

Coun. COOK and P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide the proper equipment and supervision for the tot play area in Franklin Park, near Seaver street, Roxbury; and be it further

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set aside and equip certain designated areas in Franklin Park to be used as playgrounds for children between the ages of 7 and 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the Council voted to take a recess at 3.54 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) re time off for members of Fire Department forced to work on certain legal holidays—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

PLAYGROUND IN KENTON STREET-GARTLAND ROAD SECTION.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct a playground in the Kenton street-Gartland road section of Ward 11 as is outlined in the report of the City Planning Board.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. WENZLER in the chair.

INQUIRY BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INTO PAVING CONTRACTS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the District Attorney be requested to inquire into all paving contracts exposed by the Boston Finance Commission as having been deliberately violated with the view to bringing to a court of justice those criminally responsible; and be it further

Ordered, That copies of this order be sent to the District Attorney of Suffolk County.

Coun. Shanley doubted the presence of a quorum. The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Present—Councilors Chase, Hannon, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—9.

Less than a quorum being present, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 4.20 P.M., to meet on Monday, April 24, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 24, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Lane and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted the appointment of James A. Hickey, 138 Tyndale street, as constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

AUTOMATIC GATES AT BIRD STREET GRADE CROSSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your resolution of March 20, 1950, concerning the installation of automatic gates by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at the Bird Street grade crossing.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, April 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

On March 22, 1950, your Honor transmitted to me the following resolve adopted by the City Council on March 20, 1950:

"Resolved, That the members of the City Council in meeting assembled, respectfully request his Honor the Mayor to direct the Corporation Counsel to take whatever steps are necessary to appeal the decision of the Board of Public Utilities granting to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad the right to install automatic gates at the Bird Street grade crossing, in place of manually operated gates."

General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 25, s. 5, as amended, gives the Supreme Judicial Court jurisdiction in equity "to review, modify, amend or annul any ruling or order of the commission, or of any member or members representing the commission, but only to the extent of the unlawfulness of such ruling or order." In cases like the one referred to in the City Council's resolution, the error, if there is any, is one of administrative judgment rather than of law; and so, if a bill in equity by way of appeal is filed, a demurrer to the bill is immediately sustained. See Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington v. Department of Public Utilities, Supreme Judicial Court (Suffolk County) No. 67,992 Eq., and Municipal Council of the City of Gloucester v. Department of Public Utilities, Supreme Judicial Court (Suffolk County) No. 68,297 Eq. Accordingly, I beg to be excused from complying with the City Council's request contained in the above-quoted resolution.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTEN,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS, NIXON AND DAYTON STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the placing of "No Parking" signs on the Ward 17 side of Nixon street and Dayton street near the Shawmut Station.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated January 30, 1950, Requesting That "No Parking" Signs Be Placed on the Ward 17 Side of Nixon Street and Dayton Street Near the Shawmut Station.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 13, 1950, it was voted to erect signs bearing the legend "Park Parallel to Curb—2-Hour Limit—12 midnight to 6 P.M." in the following streets:

Dayton Street, Dorchester.
Both sides, from Nixon street to the location of the MTA.
Nixon Street, Dorchester.
Both sides, from Centre street to Mather street.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON ROGERS PARK AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, that parking be prohibited in one side of Rogers Park avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Parking Be Prohibited in One Side of Rogers Park Avenue.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to the above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 13, 1950, it was voted to reject this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SIGNS ON APPROACHES TO CLOSED SOUTH BOSTON BRIDGES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning placing of adequate signs far enough ahead on approaches to the South Boston bridges to warn drivers of motor vehicles of the closing of said bridges in order to prevent serious traffic tie-ups in those areas.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated April 3, 1950, Requesting Adequate Signs Be Placed Far Enough Ahead on Approaches to the South Boston Bridges to Warn Drivers of Motor Vehicles of the Closing of Said Bridges in Order to Prevent Serious Traffic Tie-ups in Those Areas.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above request please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 13, 1950, it was voted to reject same.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

REFLECTORS IN DORCHESTER AVENUE ARC LIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the placing of reflectors on the arc lights in the middle of the road on Dorchester avenue, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install reflectors on the electric lights in the middle of the road on Dorchester avenue, Ward 6, South Boston. Please be advised that these reflectors are installed by the Traffic Department.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF ALL CITY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the cleaning of all streets in the city which are now in a filthy and unsanitary condition.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of April 3:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean all streets in the city which are now in a filthy and unsanitary condition."

The department is doing everything possible to clean all streets in the city and to keep them in a clean condition.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF HERBERT J. WOLFE SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning cleaning up and fixing up the Herbert J. Wolfe Square at Crawford and Harold streets for the memorial services to be held there very shortly.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 21, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of April 17:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean up and fix up the Herbert J. Wolfe square at Crawford and Harold streets for the memorial services to be held there very shortly."

I have issued instructions to the Sanitary Division to clean the streets in the above-referenced area, and I have also issued instructions to the Highway Division to effect all necessary repairs to the roadway and sidewalk surfaces of the above intersection.

I assure you that the above-referenced work will be completed prior to the scheduled memorial exercises.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CHECKING OF CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the checking of all streets and sidewalks which were constructed or reconstructed in the City of Boston and on which there may be civil or criminal liability not barred by the Statute of Limitations.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 24, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of April 17, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to check all streets and sidewalks which were constructed or reconstructed in the City of Boston and on which there may be an outstanding guarantee or on which there may be civil or criminal liability not barred by the Statute of Limitations."

The normal procedure followed by the department is to examine all street construction and reconstruction work about six months prior to the expiration of the five year guarantee. The inspection is restricted to visual examination of the roadway and sidewalk surfaces and edgestones, and does not provide for the taking of cores from the pavements. This procedure will be followed, and the contractors and surety companies will be notified to remedy any defects found in the streets that are under guarantee.

It would be a physical impossibility for the Public Works Department, without outside assistance, to undertake a program of inspection of these streets that are out of guarantee, but

which were constructed within the period covered by the Statute of Limitations.

Visual inspection of such streets would be worthless. We would have to take cores out of all pavements, and even if the cores showed deficiencies in the thickness of pavements, we would have difficulty proving that the contractor laid the particular pavement contrary to the contract specifications at the time that the work was in progress some six years ago.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONTRACTS OF HANCOCK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the withholding of any work on city contracts by the Hancock Construction Company until a complete investigation is made of street paving work done by said company.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of April 3:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to withhold approval of any work on city contracts by the Hancock Construction Company until a complete investigation is made of street paving work done by said company; and be it further

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston to proceed upon the legal basis to declare said company ineligible to accept further city contracts."

It is my intention to comply with those provisions of the above-referenced order that affect all current contracts that the Hancock Construction Company has on street construction or reconstruction work.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith 19 orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans who gave their lives in the service of our country.

These orders are the result of requests made by members of your Honorable Body, and the Committee to Memorialize Veterans after due consideration has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In a small way, this indicates our appreciation of their sacrifices, and it perpetuates in fitting fashion their memories as heroic citizens of Boston. Accordingly, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the several orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
April 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting held this day of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted unanimously to designate the following intersections in honor of the following veterans:

Anawan and Belgrade avenues, Roslindale—John P. Lyons.

Washington and Ophir streets, Jamaica Plain—John D. Sumpter.

Washington and Beethoven streets, West Roxbury—Francis Catenacci.

East Seventh and K streets, South Boston—Frederick A. Hall.

Deering road and Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester—Edward Eyges.

Norfolk and Morton streets, Dorchester—Philip S. Green.

Charles and Leverett streets, Boston—Michael Solazzo.

Marcella and Washington streets, Roxbury—Horace L. Thomas.

Farragut road and East Third street, South Boston—Paul M. Halloran.

Ipswich and Boylston streets, Boston—Robert A. Murray.

Massachusetts avenue and Belvidere street, Boston—H. Stanton Kelly, Jr.

Woodrow avenue and Wollaston terrace, Dorchester—Henry J. Gordon, Jr.

Crowell and Norfolk streets, Dorchester—Ernest Richstein.

Charlotte street and Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester—Morris J. Gottlieb.

Sumner and Stoughton streets, Dorchester—Calvin H. Wilson.

Norfolk avenue and East Cottage street, Dorchester—Michael A. Damore.

Holton and Everett streets, Allston—Charles F. Maguire.

Bennett, Oakland and Beechcroft streets Brighton—Walter F. Rooney.

Poplar and Washington streets, Roslindale—Henry F. Canty.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Anawan and Belgrade avenues, Ward 20, be named John P. Lyons Square, in honor of John P. Lyons, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Washington and Ophir streets, Ward 11, be named John D. Sumpter Square, in honor of John D. Sumpter, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Washington and Beethoven streets, Ward 11, be named Francis Catenacci Square, in honor of Francis Catenacci, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of East Seventh and K streets, Wards 6 and 7, be named Frederick A. Hall Square, in honor of Frederick A. Hall, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Deering road and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, be named Edward Eyges Square, in honor of Edward Eyges, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Norfolk and Morton streets, Ward 14, be named Philip S. Green Square, in honor of Philip S. Green, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Charles and Leverett sterets, Ward 3, be named Michael Solazzo Square, in honor of Michael Solazzo, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Marcella and Washington streets, Ward 11, be named Horace L. Thomas Square, in honor of Horace L. Thomas, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Farragut road and East Third street, Ward 6, be named Paul M. Halloran Square, in honor of Paul M. Halloran, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Ipswich and Boylston streets, Ward 5, be named Robert A. Murray Square, in honor of Robert A. Murray, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Massachusetts avenue and Belvidere street, Ward

4, be named H. Stanton Kelly, Jr., Square, in honor of H. Stanton Kelly, Jr., late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Woodrow avenue and Wollaston terrace, Ward 14, be named Henry J. Gordon, Jr., Square, in honor of Henry J. Gordon, Jr., late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Crowell and Norfolk streets, Ward 17, be named Ernest Richstein Square, in honor of Ernest Richstein, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Charlotte street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, be named Morris J. Gottlieb Square, in honor of Morris J. Gottlieb, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Sumner and Stoughton streets, Ward 13, be named Calvin H. Wilson Square, in honor of Calvin H. Wilson, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Norfolk avenue and East Cottage street, Wards 7 and 8, be named Michael A. Damore Square, in honor of Michael A. Damore, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Holton and Everett streets, Ward 22, be named Charles F. Maguire Square, in honor of Charles F. Maguire, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Bennett, Oakland, and Beechcroft streets, Ward 22, be named Walter F. Rooney Square, in honor of Walter F. Rooney, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Poplar and Washington streets, Wards 18, 19, and 20, be named Henry F. Canty Square, in honor of Henry F. Canty, late veteran of World War II.

The orders were severally referred to the Executive Committee.

ORDINANCE RE CERTAIN USE OF STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Corporation Counsel has called my attention to the opinion rendered on March 29, 1950, by the Supreme Judicial Court in Commonwealth vs. Carpenter, a criminal case in which the complaint charged that the defendant "did wilfully and unreasonably saunter and loiter in a certain public street . . . called Columbus avenue for more than seven minutes after being then lawfully directed there . . . to move on" by a police officer.

The Supreme Judicial Court said, in part:

"The complaint is based upon c. 40, s. 34, of the Revised Ordinances of Boston (1947), which reads: 'No person shall, in a street, unreasonably obstruct the free passage of foot-travellers, or wilfully and unreasonably saunter or loiter for more than seven minutes after being directed by a police officer to move on,' with exceptions now immaterial. The complaint alleges no obstruction of foot travel, and charges no offence based upon that part of the ordinance. . . .

"In the view we take, the facts are unimportant. The part of the ordinance here considered we hold to be void on its face as repugnant to the due process clause of s. 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to art. 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of this Commonwealth. . . ."

I recommend that your Honorable Body adopt the ordinance transmitted herewith and thereby strike from the ordinance cited above the part which the Supreme Judicial Court held to be void.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Certain Use of Streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out section 34 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Sect. 34. No person shall, in a street, unreasonably obstruct the free passage of foot-travellers, but nothing in this section shall be construed to curtail, abridge, or limit the right or opportunity of any person to exercise the right of peaceful persuasion guaranteed by section 24 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, or to curtail, abridge, or limit the intendment of any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Olav T. Anderson, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Congress Street Bridge.

Mary C. Blasser, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2554 Washington street, Roxbury.

Thomas C. Blewitt, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Chiswick and Lothian roads.

Mrs. George W. Burke, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Morton street.

Mrs. Hartley M. Burnham, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Thomas Byrnes, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Margaret Casey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Court square.

Timothy J. Crowley, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in River street, Mattapan.

Armand A. Desjean, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Marie C. Dorwey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Beacon and Park streets.

Joseph W. Fellows, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 594 Cummins Highway.

Mary Hegarty, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by alleged defect at St. Alphonsus and Smith streets.

Lacey E. Hodges, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 619 Columbus avenue.

Robert F. Hogarty, for compensation for loss of topcoat at City Hospital.

Alice G. and Eleanor R. Kane, for compensation for damage to fence at 2163 Centre street, West Roxbury, caused by falling limb of tree.

William O. Kane, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occured while in performance of duty as employee of Health Department.

Kays–Newport, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 186 Tremont street, caused by traffic sign placed against window.

Arthur Kitchin, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Warren R. MacInnes, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occured while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

L. Gladyce Magrath, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Court street.

John J. Meade, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occured while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Modern Hygiene Corporation, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 797 Beacon street.

William Murray, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occured while in performance of duty as employee of Hospital Department.

Gretchen E. Taylor, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Court square.

R. L. Vaill, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cummins Highway.

Edward J. Whalen, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Fairview street, Roslindale.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Petition of Boston Music School, Inc. for certain children under fifteen years of age to appear at Brown Hall on April 30, 1950.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OF WALDO C. NARDELLA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Licensing Board, April 18, 1950.

Police Commissioner,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of report from Superintendent's office re conditions found on premises about 2.05 P. M. on April 15, 1950: Minor, one Armand A. Coletti, 17 years of age, in charge; another minor, one Thomas Murphy, 14 years of age, on premises without written permission from his parents on file. (Evidence of illegal gaming, but insufficient for court action at this time.)

Versus Waldo C. Nardella, holder of bowling alleys license, soft drinks, (pinball) automatic amusement device license at 345A Washington street, Brighton, the Board after a hearing held this date has made the following finding:

Above licenses suspended. Effective forthwith.

Police Commissioner,
Captain of Division 14,
Superintendent's Office,
City Clerk's Office,
Office.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM T. MOLLOY,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

NOTICES OF APPOINTMENTS IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Notices of appointments (provisional) of Inspectors of Housing and Sanitation in the Health Department at $2,500 a year, effective April 20, were received as follows:

Frank Carey, 57 Pleasant street, Dorchester.
Fred F. Dooley, 26 Sedgwick street, Jamaica Plain.
Thomas F. Flaherty, 821 East Broadway, South Boston.
Nicholas Gatto, 31 Firth road, Roslindale.
Arthur Hiltz, 7 Haverford street, Jamaica Plain.
Frank Hurley, 39 Dorr street, Roxbury.
Daniel Sheeran, 37 Adams street, Roxbury.
Frederick Watson, 68 Centre street, Roxbury.

Severally placed on file.

INQUIRY BY DISTRICY ATTORNEY INTO CERTAIN PAVING CONTRACTS.

President HURLEY called up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order requesting the District Attorney to inquire into certain paving contracts.

The Chair referred the order to the Committee on Public Works.

THANKS TO WONDERLAND DOG TRACK AUTHORITIES.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on record as thanking the authorities of the Wonderland Dog Track for allowing the children to attend schooling races which begin tonight giving them the thrill of watching the dogs in action.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

Councilor Cook moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion for reconsideration prevailed.

The resolution was rejected.

PROTEST AGAINST CURTAILMENT OF POSTAL SERVICE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Whereas, The United States postal service is recognized as the finest and most efficient in the world and is the lifeblood of industry, and

Whereas, The first step in the reduction of this vital public service has been ordered by the Post Office Department, with no regard for the general welfare of the people, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston, herein assembled, strongly urge the Congress of the United States to take proper measures to the end that the order of the Postmaster General, No. 42946, dated April 17, 1950, providing for curtailments of postal service, shall be promptly rescinded in the interest of the people of the City of Boston, our Commonwealth, and the nation at large.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

VETERANS' HOUSING PROJECT, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of taking vacant land bounded by P street, Farragut road, East Second and East Third streets, Ward 6, for the purpose of constructing a housing project under chapter 372 for veterans of World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT NEAR 113 EMERSON STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at or near 113 Emerson street, corner of Flood square, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF VACANT LAND, BAXTER STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean up the vacant land which they have taken under tax title proceedings on Baxter street, between C and D streets, Ward 6, because of its rat-infested condition, which makes it a health menace.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 10) of constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, as contained in City Document No. 42 for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Coffey and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

2. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 10) of minor officers paid by fees, as contained in City Document No. 43, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and McCormack. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. P. A. TRACY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred April 3) for loan of $7,000,000 for veterans' housing—that same ought to pass.

1. The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—17.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for 14 days for final action.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 10) for loan of $2,000,000 for Construction of Public Ways or Permanent Pavement—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—18.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

PARTITION OF IRELAND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, The unjust partition of Ireland is a continuing factor of disturbance and distrust to the peace of the world; and

Whereas, Such partition, against the will of the people of Ireland, is also against the principles of justice expressed by the Constitution of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Such partition is against the best interests of the people of the United States, since Ireland as a divided nation cannot take its proper place in the councils of the nations of the world; and

Whereas, Ireland's absence from the North Atlantic Pact weakens the military defense of the United States as therein expressed and weakens the efforts of the United States to aid in the economic recovery of all Europe; and

Whereas, Ireland's absence from the United Nations, to which the United States subscribes as a member, results from the veto of Soviet Russia, due to the hostility of Ireland to communism and its evils; be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston, in meeting assembled, respectfully urges the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives of the Congress to report forthwith a suitable resolution expressing the sentiment of the people of the United States against the unjust partition of Ireland and demanding a plebiscite of the people of all Ireland on the matter of a united Ireland; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives, to the President of the United States, to the Department of State, and to the members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

HANNON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Park Commissioner to install a new flagpole and plant some trees at the Hannon Playground in Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFERENCE RE COW PASTURE DEVELOPMENT.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to arrange a conference with the Boston Housing Authority, the City Assessing Board, the officials of Boston College High School, the members of the Boston City Council, and any interested real estate officials relative to the development of the Cow Pasture area in Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES AT TRAIN WRECK.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the City Council in meeting assembled do hereby commend the members of the various city departments, particularly the Police, Fire, and Hospital Departments, for the speedy and splendid service rendered on April 20, 1950, at the time of the train wreck on the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in Jamaica Plain.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION OF BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL FIRES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct a complete investigation of the recent fires at the Boston State Hospital.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TO UNEMPLOYED WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council go on record as supporting the enactment of legislation for the payment of unemployment compensation for 52 weeks to veterans of World War II who are unemployed.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, 131 AND 133 GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Gallivan Boulevard, from No. 131 to No. 133, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones.

Under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WARD 15 STREETS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed with the construction of new streets on Henry street, Barry park, and Baker avenue, as these streets were accepted last year in Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF JAMAICA PLAIN COUNCIL No. 120 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Coun. RAMSEY and McCORMACK offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council assembled go on record as commending the Jamaica Plain Council No. 120 Knights of Columbus on their recent contest on "How to Combat Juvenile Delinquency" in the City of Boston, in which several hundred letters from interested people throughout the city were sent in, because this organization has seen fit to take definite steps in this solution on how to correct children's bad ways and the destruction of personal and public property.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, TACOMA STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Tacoma street, from Wood avenue to Bradlee street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones.
Under the provisions of Chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF IRWIN AVENUE.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Irwin avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF VACANT LAND TAKEN UNDER TAX TITLE PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean up all vacant land which they have taken under tax title proceedings throughout the city and to erect signs reading "No Dumping; Police Take Notice" on each lot.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY HOUSES ON CERTAIN WARD 20 STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of acquiring land on Stimson, Vogel, and Salman streets and Upland road, in Ward 20, for the construction of one- and two-family houses.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF SEARLE ROAD, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Searle road, Ward 20, as a public highway.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPPOSITION TO CURTAILMENT OF POSTAL SERVICES.

Coun. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, urges the Massachusetts Delegation in Congress, to vigorously oppose the contemplated curtailment of mail deliveries, district post-office services, and other postal service, and to take active steps to prevent the establishment of this plan to reduce the service to householders and business concerns throughout the United States.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

LEASE OF LAND ON HOLYOKE STREET TO HARRIET TUBMAN HOUSE.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lease for one dollar a year the lot of land at 39 Holyoke street, Ward 4, to the Harriet Tubman House, a settlement house located at 25 Holyoke street, Boston, for use as a playground area for children.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND AT 240 WEST CANTON STREET.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to grade, fence in, and install playground equipment in the vacant lot of Park Department land at 240 West Canton street, Ward 4; and be it further
Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name said area "The Harriet Tubman Playground"; and be it further
Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange with the Harriet Tubman Settlement House for supervision of said playground and for the storage of the equipment of said playground.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INQUIRY BY ATTORNEY GENERAL INTO CERTAIN PAVING CONTRACTS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Resolved, That the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby requested by the members of the Boston City Council in regular meeting assembled, to inquire into all paving contracts found by the Boston Finance Commission as having been deliberately violated with a view to bringing into a court of law all those criminally responsible; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be immediately sent to the Attorney General's office.
The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Works by the President. Councilor Chase appealed the decision of the President and Councilor Cook seconded the appeal. The decision of the President in referring the resolution to the Committee on Public Works was sustained, yeas 11, nays 4:
Yeas—Councilors Cantwell, Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy—11.
Nays—Councilors Ansel, Chase, Cook, Wenzler—4.
Voting Present—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Farin, Linehan—4.
Councilor Chase moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion for reconsideration prevailed, yeas 11, nays 6:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—11.
Nays—Councilors Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Ramsey, Sullivan—6.
Voting Present—Councilor Farin—1.
The President declared a recess at 3.45 P.M. Shortly thereafter the members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HURLEY.
The President referred the resolution to the Committee on Rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ERNEST J. NATALE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Sheafe and Salem streets, Ward 3, in honor of Private Ernest J. Natale, of the 36th Engineering Corps, C Regiment, who has been reported as missing in action during a military mission nine miles northeast of Anzio on January 31, 1944.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF BOARD SIDEWALK BY DEMATTEO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the DeMatteo Construction Com-

pany of 200 Hancock street, Quincy, to construct a board sidewalk between Sever street and Main street, Charlestown, to keep pedestrians from too close a contact with vehicles as is now the case when these pedestrians are approaching the MTA terminal in Sullivan square.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONVERSION OF MULTIPLE-DWELLING UNITS TO CHAPTER 200, VETERANS' HOUSING PROGRAM.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, The Massachusetts Legislature is considering legislation proposed by Governor Paul A. Dever for the conversion of Chapter 200 veterans' housing program to the Federal program in order that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may make substantial savings and be reimbursed for the money it has expended on veterans' housing projects, and which, in addition, will result in lower rents for the veteran tenants in said housing projects; and

Whereas, The Boston Housing Authority has neglected to convert the multiple-dwelling units constructed under the Chapter 372 program to Chapter 200 program, which would have meant that said projects could have been converted to the Federal program, resulting in lower rents to the veterans and a saving to the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The money which we would have received from Chapter 200 as a result of converting Chapter 372 dwelling units could have been used for the construction of two-family homes or row houses for veterans in the City of Boston under Chapter 372; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately do everything possible to convert multiple-dwelling units constructed under Chapter 372 to the Chapter 200 veterans' housing program, and if that is too late because all of the Chapter 200 money has been allocated, then to make a study and recommendation for converting Chapter 372 multiple-dwelling units direct to the Federal program, which has been recommended by the Governor in regard to the Chapter 200 program.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESOLUTION RE LOAN FOR VIADUCT CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation amending chapter 480 of the Acts of 1949 so that the City of Boston can borrow $3,000,000 outside the debt limit for the purpose of constructing a viaduct over and across the passage of water known as the "Back Way," in lower Boston Harbor, between Long Island and Moon Island, and approaches thereto on both Long Island and Moon Island.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED ON CERTAIN OPEN-AIR THEATERS.

Coun. BEADES and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Corporation Counsel to immediately render an opinion, as requested on January 30, 1950, and April 3, 1950, by the Boston City Council, in the following order:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hand down a legal opinion and interpretation of chapter 148, section 56, of the General Laws—the Board of Street Commissioners grants licenses for open-air parking spaces—regarding the proposed open-air theaters at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, and 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

USE OF LAND AT 775 GALLIVAN BOULEVARD FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority, through his Honor the Mayor, consider the advisability of taking the site by eminent domain at 775 Gallivan Boulevard for the construction of veterans' housing.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INQUIRY BY CORPORATION COUNSEL INTO STREET REPAIR CONTRACT VIOLATIONS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to look into all evidence relating to violation of street repair contracts reported by the Finance Commission for submission to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Adjourned at 4.25 P.M., on motion of Councilor McCormack, to meet on Monday, May 1, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 1, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

FINANCING OF LONG ISLAND VIADUCT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of chapter 480 of the Acts of 1949 the city was authorized to borrow two million dollars for the purpose of constructing a viaduct or bridge to connect Long Island with the mainland. On April 11, 1950, when bids received after public advertising were opened, it became apparent that the amount authorized by the Legislature was inadequate. It now appears that before the city can go forward with the project an additional appropriation of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be required. As pointed out in the attached letter of the Institutions Commissioner, there are strong reasons supporting the proposed construction of the viaduct. I am, therefore, of the opinion that steps should be taken to provide the additional appropriation required.

Two methods are open in this respect, namely, to petition the Legislature to amend the 1949 act so as to authorize the full amount required, or to supplement the legislative authorization by appropriating the additional amount within the debt incurring power of the city. After consideration of the situation I have decided to follow the latter method. I, accordingly, submit herewith two orders, one a loan order for six hundred thousand dollars, and the other an appropriation order of one hundred sixty thousand five hundred dollars, within the current year's tax levy as required under the provisions of section 7, chapter 44 of the General Laws. These orders will accomplish the purpose covered by the resolution adopted at the last meeting of your Honorable Body. In view of the desirability of making an early start on the construction of this project, I recommend immediate consideration and action by your Honorable Body on the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Institutions Department, April 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The bids for the erection of the Long Island Bridge were opened at 12 noon, April 11, 1950. The low bidder for the substructure and approaches was Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation with a bid of $1,094,307.40. There were six bidders on this portion of the contract. Merritt-Chapman & Scott was the only and, therefore, the low bidders on the entire construction of the bridge, including substructure, approaches, and superstructure. The bid was $2,709,951.40.

A legislative act authorized the City of Boston to construct a bridge between Long Island and Moon Island with approaches to the mainland. For the purpose of providing funds to meet the expense of carrying out the provisions of this act, the City of Boston was authorized to borrow from time to time within a period of five years from the effective date of this act not exceeding in the aggregate $2,000,000.

By order of this act, $159,000 has been appropriated from available revenue funds. The cost of designing and drawing up specifications for the bridge will approximate $140,000, and with other steel mill and engineering inspections, will more than total the above-mentioned $159,000. Therefore, there is a deficit in the available amount of money on hand to construct this bridge of $709,951.40.

I respectfully request that $750,000 additional be made available in order to sign a contract for the erection of the Long Island Bridge.

The difference of the request for $750,000 and the exact deficit of $709,951.40 is necessitated by the fact that some of the estimated costs may be increased because of underwater work. By the same token, the actual costs may show a decrease from the estimated cost.

It is the opinion of our engineers that readvertising for bids would not be entirely to the advantage of the city. Since there was only one firm who bid on the entire structure of the bridge, there is a possibility that any future bids might be higher than the present one. Any savings that might be made by delaying the construction of the bridge and seeking new prices would be expended by the high cost of the present boat transportation.

The advantages of a bridge connecting Long Island with the mainland have many times in the past been enumerated and agreed upon. Briefly, the major reasons for necessitating the building of this bridge are:

The ability of traffic (persons in vehicular) to proceed to and from Long Island at any hour of the day. This alone might be sufficient reason because of patients' lives that would be saved in emergencies. The future development of the Long Island Hospital and the fulfillment of the plans to make it the best of its kind in the country depends on the lower material and labor costs made possible by the construction of the bridge. The positions at Long Island Hospital for doctors and nurses and other help will be more attractive when the island is more accessible .

Respectfully yours,
JOHN R. MCGILLIVRAY, Commissioner.

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Ordered, That in addition to appropriations made under the provisions of chapter 480 of the Acts of 1949, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, under the provisions of clause (4) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, to be expended under the direction of the Institutions Commissioner, for the construction of a viaduct to Long Island, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of one hundred sixty thousand five hundred dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Institutions Commissioner, for the construction of a viaduct to Long Island, said amount to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

The rules were suspended and the foregoing order for appropriation of $160,500 for construction of viaduct to Long Island was passed, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

Nays—0

The rules were suspended and the foregoing order for loan of $600,000 for construction of viaduct to Long Island was given its first reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

The order was assigned for fourteen days for final action.

SALE OF LAND ON GRANITE STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, the Council voted to take up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for sale of land on Granite street, South Boston, to Gillette Safety Razor Company for $9,000.

On April 17, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Lineban, McCormack, Ramsey, Sbanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Hannon.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Forty-two traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear June 5, 1950:

Pasquale Bernardinelli, Ward 1; Edward Cochrane, Ward 1; Charles L. O'Connell, Ward 2; Martin J. Flaherty, Ward 3; Joseph Higgins, Ward 3; Benjamin Richmond, Ward 3; Andrew Tandillo, Ward 3; Peter George Dunlop, Ward 4; Lawrence C. Saunders, Ward 4; Thomas Colbert, Ward 7; Potter C. Palmer, Ward 7; Nathaniel Shepherd, Ward 8; Edward Tucker, Ward 9; Max T. Berenson, Ward 10; Fred G. Caldwell, Ward 12; Samuel Goldman, Ward 12; Irving Jones, Ward 12; Henry J. Lynch, Ward 13; Eli Alpert, Ward 14; William J. Baird, Ward 14; Edward I. Brown, Ward 14; David Cohen, Ward 14; Sydney Forman, Ward 14; Joseph J. Donovan, Ward 15; Charles H. Foster, Jr., Ward 15; John W. Kennedy, Ward 15; Martin J. Mealey, Ward 15; Norman L. Darling, Ward 16; James F. Dolan, Ward 16; John P. O'Neill, Ward 16; Edward J. DeCourcey, Ward 17; Eugene E. Dunphy, Ward 17; Donald A. Parsons, Ward 17; Edward B. Kepple, Ward 18; Joseph A. Murray, Ward 18; James J. Sage, Ward 18; Frederick J. Williams, Ward 18; Charles W. Wolf, Ward 18; Fred Picone, Ward 19; Frank E. Colby, Ward 21; Thomas P. Faherty, Ward 21; Bernard I. Nollman, Ward 21.

One hundred fifty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear June 5, 1950:

Lawrence H. A'Hearn, Ward 1; Edward J. Cavanagh, Ward 1; Milton Chadwick, Ward 1; Frank Colarusso, Ward 1; James DePaolo, Ward 1; Patrick A. Fawcett, Ward 1; Guy Guhitose, Ward 1; Thomas Merigan, Ward 1; Salvatore LaMonica, Ward 1; Mario Natale, Ward 1; Patrick H. Pignato, Ward 1; Ernest D. Smith, Ward 1; Richard Thorne, Ward 1; Ralph L. Brown, Ward 2; Leo E. Ducey, Jr., Ward 2; Patrick J. Hickey, Ward 2; John E. Kelley, Ward 2; Charles E. Sullivan, Ward 2; Ralph H. Wheeler, Ward 2; Reuben Cohen, Ward 3; Salvatore DiGiovanni, Ward 3; Charles C. Hones, Ward 3; George Luongo, Ward 3; Carl A. Maccarone, Ward 3; John McLaughlin, Ward 3; Thomas E. Norris, Ward 3; Stephen A. O'Neil, Ward 3; James Tuffo, Ward 3; Frank P. Fallon, Ward 4; Herrick W. Farren, Ward 4; William J. Harvey, Ward 4; Martin J. McGrail, Ward 4; Thomas H. Palmer, Ward 4; Charles L. Pickett, Ward 4; Allan K. Strong, Ward 4; M. Henry Burke, Ward 5; William Parter Campbell, Ward 5; Davis Collins, Ward 5; Morris Green, Ward 5; Joseph E. Laferriere, Ward 5; James E. Mathey, Ward 5; G. Endicott Putnam, Ward 5; Donald B. Read, Ward 5; Cornelius J. Whelton, Ward 5; Martin Allen Wetherhult, Ward 5; Arthur A. Bain, Ward 6; Oscar N. Bruynell, Ward 6; Bernard J. Burke, Ward 6; Louis Corey, Jr., Ward 6; Albert L. James, Ward 6; Louis A. Mayo, Ward 6; Dominic Passanisi, Ward 6; Charles A. Pocius, Jr., Ward 6; James E. Tuttle, Ward 6; Roman J. Yesbules, Ward 6; Hugh F. Clarke, Ward 7; James C. Crowe, Ward 7; Francis J. Keenan, Ward 7; William S. Knowlton, Ward 7; Hugh McLean, Ward 7; Edward F. Ring, Ward 7; George F. Tracey, Ward 7.

James Bentcliff, Ward 8; Edward J. Conroy, Ward 8; Harold J. Gosselin, Ward 8; Roderick MacIntyre, Ward 8; Albert R. Parker, Ward 8; James A. Waggett, Ward 8; Peter J. Dunne, Ward 9; Floyd Hill, Ward 9; Andrew C. Jenkins, Ward 9; Thomas Reid, Ward 9; William G. Sales, Ward 9; Booker T. Stanfield, Ward 9; Alonzo F. Watts, Ward 9; Harold R. Bentfield, Ward 10; William P. Konghan, Ward 10; William A. Lapsley, Ward 10; Paul J. Lawrence, Ward 10; Timothy McCarthy, Ward 10; Wilson Morgan, Ward 10; Robert L. Cairnes, Ward 11; Daniel J. Crowley, Ward 11; James G. Cruikshank, Ward 11; Ralph DeRosa, Ward 11; Herbert W. Douglas, Ward 11; Walter F. Scott, Ward 11; Alexander Simms, Ward 11; Laurence Alibrandi, Ward 12; James S. Candlish, Ward 12; Edmund Forsythe, Ward 12; Charles Hampton, Ward 12; Carleton N. Johnson, Ward 12; Louis J. Karney, Ward 12; Isadore L. Klein, Ward 12; Theodore R. Peters, Ward 12; James E. Reid, Ward 12; Edward F. Robbins, Ward 12; George J. McVinney, Ward 13; Lewis Mood, Ward 13; David Barkin, Ward 14; John J. Biggens, Ward 14; Harold Doyle, Ward 14; Hyman W. Evans, Ward 14; John M. Kennedy, Ward 14; Joseph Theodore McNamara, Ward 14; William Sidell, Ward 14; David Stroller, Ward 14; Richard J. Barry, Ward 15; Joseph J. Elwood, Ward 15; George H. Hall, Ward 15; William J. Bourdon, Ward 16; Raymond J. Fredette, Ward 16; Robert L. Hall, Ward 16; Lawrence Harman, Ward 16; Stanley Stankus, Ward 16; John P. Toomey, Ward 16; Ivan C. Wagner, Ward 16.

William N. Cohen, Ward 17; Louis E. Jacobs, Ward 17; John Strachan, Ward 17; John J. Conklin, Jr., Ward 18; John Fistola, Ward 18; Arthur McLellan, Ward 18; Robert E. Murphy, Ward 18; Ernest J. Petelle, Ward 18; Peter Salis, Ward 18; James F. Cosgrove, Ward 19; Patrick Crowley, Ward 19; William J. Goss, Ward 19; Frank W. Ross, Ward 19; Richard S. Welton, Ward 19; Roy L. Chase, Ward 20; John J. Fox, Ward 20; Wilfred Lynde, Ward 20; Robert G. Allen, Ward 21; John R. C. Barrett, Ward 21; Robert R. Brintnall, Ward 21; Herman A. Brown, Ward 21; Joseph Dobson, Ward 21; William F. Doherty, Ward 21; Harold F. Foley, Ward 21; Harold Lowell, Ward 21; Lloyd T. Matthews, Ward 21; Harold Mitnick, Ward 21; Walter G. Rumrill, Ward 21; Charles A. Baker, Ward 22; Arthur E. Connors, Ward 22; John J. Flavin, Ward 22; Peter Graham, Ward 22; Joseph P. Keely, Ward 22; William F. Kolbe, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Edward A. Hanson, 67 Ceylon street, Dorchester, Ward 14, as Constable, with authority to serve civil process upon filing bond for term ending April 30, 1951.

Arthur D. Higgins, 100 Waverly avenue, Watertown, Mass., as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Philip Adelman, 11 Longfellow road, Cambridge, Mass., as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

REPAINTING OF SIGNS, CRAWFORD AND HAROLD STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the repainting of "Slow" and "Stop" signs at the intersection of Crawford and Harold streets in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
April 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated April 3, 1950, Requesting the Repainting of the "Slow" and "Stop" Signs at the Intersection of Crawford and Harold Streets in Ward 12.

Dear Sir:

We expect to commence our painting program within a few days, and this intersection will be one of the first to be taken care of.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WALES STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning Wales street being made one way to Harvard street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated April 10, 1950, Requesting That Wales Street Be Made One Way to Harvard Street.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 20, 1950, it was voted to reject the above request.

As a result of a survey by our engineers it was determined that a substantial number of residents in Wales street would be inconvenienced by the change.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CRAWFORD STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning Crawford street being made one way from Elm Hill avenue to Warren street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated April 10, 1950, Requesting That Crawford Street Be Made One Way from Elm Hill Avenue to Warren Street.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 20, 1950, it was voted to reject the above request, as our engineers reported that this is a through way.

Very truly yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS AT HOMES AVENUE AND TOPLIFF STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the installation of "Stop" signs at the intersection of Homes avenue and Topliff street, Ward 15.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated April 17, 1950, Requesting the Installation of "Stop" Signs at the Intersection of Homes Avenue and Topliff Street, Ward 15.

Dear Sir:

A study will be made of the above request with a view to erecting warning signs.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAINTING OF "SLOW" SIGNS ON CLIFF STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the painting of "Slow" signs on Cliff street, leading to Warren street, in Roxbury, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
April 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order of April 17, 1950, Requesting That "Slow" Signs Be Painted on Cliff Street, Leading to Warren Street, in Roxbury, Ward 12.

Dear Sir:

Orders will be issued to comply with the above request, and this should be accomplished within a few days.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF TAX TITLE LAND, BAXTER STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning cleaning up the vacant land taken under tax title proceedings on Baxter street, between C and D streets, Ward 6, because of its rat-infested condition, which makes it a health menace.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
April 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Re: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Requesting the Cleaning Up of the Vacant Land Taken Under Tax Title Proceedings on Baxter Street, Between C and D Streets, Ward 6, Because of its Rat-Infested Condition, Which Makes It a Health Menace.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Please be advised that the condition of these lots is being investigated, and, should they require cleaning, the work will be commenced immediately after report of the investigation.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LEASE OF LAND AT 39 HOLYOKE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the leasing, for $1 per year, of the lot of land at 39 Holyoke street, Ward 4, to the Harriet Tubman House, a settlement house located at 25 Holyoke street, Boston, for use as a playground area for children.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
April 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Re: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Requesting the Leasing, for $1 per Year, of the Lot of Land at 39 Holyoke Street, Ward 4, to the Harriet Tubman House, a Settlement House Located at 25 Holyoke Street, Boston, for Use as a Playground Area for Children.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

In response to the City Council order passed on April 24, 1950, please be advised that this Board feels that the utilization of that area as a playground for children is good, and, should the Harriet Tubman Settlement House officials apply for a lease, this department will execute one in accordance with the Council order, it having been determined by this department that the land is not otherwise readily salable or rentable.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF ALL VACANT TAX TITLE LAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the cleaning up of all vacant land which they have taken under tax title proceedings throughout the city and erecting signs reading "No Dumping–Police Take Notice" on each lot.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
April 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Re: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Requesting the Cleaning up of All Vacant Land Taken Under Tax Title Proceedings Throughout the City and Erecting Signs Reading "No Dumping—Police Take Notice" on Each Lot.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Please be advised that this department at the present time is in the process of having cleaned all lots under its jurisdiction which have been reported to this department in need of cleaning, and on each such lot a sign is being posted reading:

"No Dumping."
"No Trespassing."
"Police Take Notice."
"Keep Boston Clean."

With over 3,000 lots of land to take care of, the expense of cleaning all 3,000 at this time would make such cleaning impossible.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS, WEST FIFTH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on West Fifth street, between E and F streets, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 25, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on West Fifth street, between E and F streets, Ward 6, and this will advise you that the work will be put on the list to be given consideration during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CHENEY STREET, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Cheney street, Roxbury, Ward 12, immediately.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 25, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Cheney street, Roxbury, Ward 12, and this will advise you that this street will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

MASTER KEY AT WEST BROADWAY DEVELOPMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning a master key at the West Broadway development, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of March 27, 1950, Concerning Master Key at the West Broadway Development, South Boston.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

Under date of March 27, 1950, the City Council requested through you that the Authority place the master key of the above-referenced project exclusively in the hands of the housing manager so that it could not be used indiscriminately.

The Authority is pleased to inform you that there is no such thing as a grand master key at this development which will open all doors.

The keying at this development has been arranged so that each building is keyed separately, and no one key will open all apartments.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON EMERSON HOSPITAL SITE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concern-

ing the feasibility of establishment of a housing development on the Emerson Hospital site, Ward 11, Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of March 27, 1950, Concerning Feasibility of Establishment of a Housing Development on the Emerson Hospital Site, Ward 11, Jamaica Plain.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

The subject matter contained in your letter of March 21, 1950, has been discussed by this Authority.

The Authority wishes to advise you that the site in question will receive every consideration.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SUPPLYING OF HOUSING INFORMATION TO COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the supply of housing information to individual members of the City Council.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of March 27, 1950, Concerning the Supplying of Housing Information to Individual Members of the City Council.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

Your letter of March 29, 1950, on the above subject has been received by the Authority.

The Authority wishes you to advise the Council that wherever feasible the Authority will be glad to cooperate with the individual members of the Council in furtherance of a mutual understanding of housing problems.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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AID TO INDIVIDUAL HOME OWNERS IN SUBSTANDARD AREAS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning extending aid to individual home owners and the Board of Real Estate Commissioners in the renovation of properties in substandard areas.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
April 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of April 3, 1950, Concerning Extending Aid to Individual Home Owners and the Board of Real Estate Commissioners in the Renovation of Properties in Substandard Areas.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

The Authority has received your communication of April 5, 1950, on the above subject.

Both of these matters will be taken under consideration by the Authority with particular reference to the legal ability of the Authority in such matters.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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COW PASTURE DEVELOPMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the public meeting with the "Urban Redevelopment Corporation" on the so-called "Cow Pasture" development.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
April 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of April 17, 1950, Concerning a Public Meeting with the "Urban Redevelopment Corporation" on the So-Called "Cow Pasture" Development.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20, 1950, on the above-referenced subject.

On April 18 this Authority advised you by letter that it was of the opinion that such development was not advisable.

The Authority does not believe that any advantage can be gained by holding a public meeting on this matter.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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USE OF PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF LAND FOR VETERANS' HOSPITAL.

The folowing was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the proceeds from the sale of land to federal government for a veterans' hospital in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 24, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached City Council order relative to the use by this department of the sum of $75,000 which we recently received as a result of a land-taking by the federal government on a certain part of Jefferson Playground, Roxbury.

This money has been deposited to Sales of City Property. I note, however, that the order requests that this money be given to this department for further development of this area.

I am writing to the Law Department for an opinion on this matter.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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FENCE ADDITION, MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners

relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the adding to the fence on the Adams street side of the Mary Hemenway Playground, thus preventing balls from going out of the park, causing damage to adjacent property.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 21, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 17, 1950, requesting an addition to the fence on the Adams Street side of the Mary Hemenway Playground, thus preventing balls from going out of the park, causing damage to adjacent property.

I will have an inspection made of this area to ascertain where we can be of help.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

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COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 3, 1950, concerning the laying out of diamonds for hardball and softball, together with backstops for all the diamonds, at Columbus Park, Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 27, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated April 3, 1950, requesting the Park Commission to lay out diamonds for hardball and softball, together with backstops for all the diamonds at Columbus Park.

Please be advised that this area is being rolled and graded for hardball and softball and the work will be completed sometime around May 2.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

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ELIMINATION OF CIRCLE AT ANDREW SQUARE, ETC.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of March 20, 1950, concerning the elimination of the circle at Andrew square, together with the installation of other proposed changes recommended, to do away with traffic tie-ups, and also to install pedestrian traffic lights in front of the entrance to the Andrew Square MTA Station.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
April 21, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have your communication of March 22, enclosing Council order introduced by Councilor Linehan requesting that the Traffic Commission and this Board eliminate the circle at Andrew square, together with the installation of other proposed changes recommended, to do away with traffic tie-ups, and also to install pedestrian traffic lights in front of the entrance to the Andrew square MTA Station on Dorchester avenue and directly across the street on the other side of Dorchester avenue and that the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts be requested to cooperate with the City of Boston relative to contributing 50 per cent of the cost of said traffic improvements at Andrew square.

Andrew square, South Boston, is one of the most congested intersections in the City of Boston. To completely relieve this congestion would require construction similar to that now planned for Sullivan square, Charlestown, at costs estimated as high as $8,000,000. The so-called "Master Highway Plan" provides new roads in the vicinity of Andrew square which will, when constructed, greatly reduce the volume of traffic at that intersection. I believe these new roads will be built within the next ten years. Therefore, I feel that alterations to Andrew square should be planned on the assumption that traffic volume there will be considerably reduced by other highway improvements.

In cooperation with the Traffic Commission, Public Works Department and Metropolitan Transit Authority, a survey has been made of Andrew square. Plans for alterations, giving full consideration to the proposals contained in the subject Council order, are now being prepared. Upon completion of these plans, a detailed report will be submitted.

Very truly yours,
Gerald F. Scally, Chairman.

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AMENDMENT OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of March 13, 1950, concerning the feasibility of amending the requirements for the distribution of Old Age Assistance in the City of Boston, and that such study be held in conjunction with state officials.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
April 26, 1950

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Attention of Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon.

Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council, which was passed March 15, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of amending the requirements for the distribution of Old Age Assistance in the City of Boston and that such study be held in conjunction with state officials. The present plan for the distribution of Old Age Assistance has worked undue hardship and has provided much discomfort and distress to those in need of such assistance."

In connection with the above-quoted order, the Overseers wish to advise you that a special commission established pursuant to resolution of the General Court and known as the Special Commission to Study and Revise the Laws Relating to Public Welfare has been considering the matter of desirable amendments to the laws relative to Old Age Assistance and, further, that the Overseers have been and are cooperating with that commission to the end that appropriate amendments to such laws will be proposed and ultimately enacted.

Very truly yours,
Henry E. Foley, Chairman.

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LEGAL OPINION ON OPEN-AIR PARKING SPACES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning a legal opinion and interpretation of chapter 148, section 56, of the General Laws.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, April 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

On February 3, 1950, your Honor transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council on January 30, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hand down a legal opinion and interpretation of chapter 148, section 56, of the General Laws 'the Board of Street Commissioners grants licenses for open-air parking spaces,' regarding the proposed open-air theaters at 1213 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, and 775 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester."

The statute referred to in the above-quoted order, namely, General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 148, s. 56, provides as follows:

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section no person shall engage in the business of conducting or maintaining an open-air parking space without a license therefor granted by the licensing authority, approved in all cases by the head of the fire department. The license shall specify all the premises to be occupied by the licensee for the purpose of conducting the licensed business. The fee for each license shall be such amount as may be established by the authority granting the license, and said authority may reasonably classify said licenses and fees. Licenses granted hereunder shall expire on April thirtieth following the date of issue, or on such date as may be specified therein, and may be suspended or revoked by such authority and by the head of the fire department. Whoever, not being licensed, engages in a business required by this section to be licensed, or is concerned therein, or, being licensed, engages in such business, or is concerned therein, in any other place than that designated in his license or after notice to him that his license has been suspended or revoked, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

For acceptance by the City of Boston, see vote of the City Council passed December 29, 1930, and approved by the Mayor December 30, 1930.

The statute just quoted, providing, as it does, for punishment by fine, is indisputably a penal statute. Penal statutes are to be construed strictly. Libby *v.* New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, 273 Mass. 522, 525, and cases cited. That is to say, they are "not to be extended by construction beyond the ordinary meaning of the words used." Commonwealth *v.* Worcester & Nashua Railroad Company, 124 Mass. 561, 563. In common understanding, an open-air parking space means a parcel of land, devoid of structures, where motor vehicles are left standing while their occupants go elsewhere on foot. To put it another way, the dominant feature of the parking lot business lies in providing, for the accommodation of the public, a place where unattended motor vehicles may be left. Compare 61 C. J. S. Motor Vehicles, s. 715; also 24 Am. Jur., Garages, Parking Stations, and Liveries, s. 3. The maintenance of an open-air parking space is thus clearly distinguishable from the conduct of a drive-in theater, the primary purpose of which is to exhibit motion pictures to persons while seated in their cars. In my opinion, therefore, the above-quoted statute has no application to a drive-in theater, because the business of conducting such a theater is beyond the ordinary meaning of the words used in the statute.

It may not be inappropriate to add that the conclusion I have reached is consistent with the history of the statute, which was originally enacted in 1930 as the result of the report of a Special Commission. See 1930 House Document No. 1060 and St. 1930, c. 399. The commission's report makes no mention of anything other than the ordinary parking lot. In fact, so far as I am aware, drive-in theaters were unknown in 1930. Hence, the Legislature could hardly have had them in mind in enacting the statute. Commonwealth *v.* Tilley, 306 Mass. 412, 415. When such is the case, the statute is not construed to apply to the new conditions unless its object is so general and its language so broad that the new conditions are fairly within the sweep and the meaning of the words and fall within their obvious scope and purpose. Commonwealth *v.* Welosky, 276 Mass. 398, 403. Commonwealth *v.* Goldman, 205 Mass. 400. G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 148, s. 56, cannot be said to have either an object so general or language so broad. Accordingly, I reiterate that, in my opinion, that statute has no application to a drive-in theater.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

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PAYMENT OF PENSION CHECKS EVERY TWO WEEKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Boston Retirement Board relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the advisability of having the personnel of the city and county employees receive their pension checks every two weeks rather than on a monthly basis.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Retirement Board, April 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Retirement Board is in receipt of an order of the City Council requesting a study of the advisability of paying pension checks every two weeks instead of monthly. Due to the fact that in the contributory systems and some of the free pension systems it is obligatory by statute to pay the pensions monthly, no consideration has been given to the matter of payments every two weeks and the Board has no information that the present system is not satisfactory.

Yours very truly,
W. D. KENNEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

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SLUM CLEARANCE PROJECT, GROVE STREET SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the City Planning Board relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the Grove Street section of Ward 20, bounded by Washington, Stimson, Centre, and Grove streets, being considered under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as a Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Project.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Planning Board, April 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The City Planning Board submits herewith a report on the following Council order of April 10, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Planning Board of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the Grove Street section of Ward 20, bounded by Washington, Stimson, Centre, and Grove streets, be considered under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as a Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Project."

Under Federal Public Law 171 (the 1949 Housing Law) section 110, paragraph "C," it is provided in the definition of "projects" under Title I—that a redevelopment project may include land which is predominantly open and which becomes of obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structure or of site improvements, or otherwise, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the community.

It is our opinion that the Grove Street section of Ward 20 as set forth in the Council order is in the above-mentioned project category and could properly be designated as a redevelopment area.

Such redevelopment areas as have been unofficially designated as "redevelopment areas" have been so designated as the result of compiled statistical information on a census tract basis. This information indicated the extent of tax deficit and low-rent accommodations with correlative factors showing lack of central heating, lack of toilet facilities, etc. Because the Grove Street area is an unusual case and is in a very large census tract which contains some of the best housing in the city, it did not show up in the census tract information. However, the Board for some years has been fully aware of the condition of that area and had recognized its need of redevelopment.

The Board expects in the immediate future to redefine its redevelopment areas and will give serious consideration to this section at that time.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. McDONOUGH, Chairman.

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APPROPRIATION FOR BOSTON JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

In conjunction with the Boston Jubilee celebration of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, May 18–22, the city will stage a spring music festival which will compare favorably with the great peace festival of 1869, when 12,000 musicians took part. The festival program will start on Saturday, May 13, five days before the Chamber's Jubilee, and will continue up to and throughout the period of the latter program. There will be a total of more than 50 concerts and numerous other features. In connection with the Jubilee celebration, the city will conduct a monster fireworks display on the evening of May 22. Provisions will also be made to properly observe National Defense Week, which will occur during the period of the over-all celebration.

The purpose of the festival and jubilee is to advertise the resources and facilities of the city throughout the nation. It is anticipated that thousands of persons from all parts of the country will visit the city during the ten-day period.

In order to provide funds to meet expenses which will arise in connection with the city's participation in the over-all celebration, I submit herewith an order providing for the transfer of $10,000 from the Reserve Fund. I respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $10,000, to the appropriation for Public Celebrations, $10,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN SUMNER TRAFFIC TUNNEL BONDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

On September 1, 1930, the City of Boston issued under St. 1929, c. 297, in connection with the construction of the Sumner Traffic Tunnel, bonds aggregating $4,000,000 and bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. These bonds were 50-year bonds; but, fortunately, they contain an express provision for call, retirement, and cancellation by the city on September 1, 1950. Funds for the retirement and cancellation of these bonds on September 1, 1950, have been provided for by a bond issue under St. 1945, c. 361, at a much lower interest rate. Those funds are now in the hands of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

St. 1945, c. 361, under which the refunding bonds were issued, expressly prescribes that the earlier bonds be called for cancellation at the earliest date permitted, to wit, September 1, 1950. Transmitted herewith is the draft of an order to carry out the mandate of the statute. I recommend its immediate adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Whereas, Under date of September 1, 1930, the City of Boston issued, under St. 1929, c. 297, registered Traffic Tunnel Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1929, in the aggregate principal amount of $4,000,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, which bonds are due September 1, 1980, with an express provision for call, retirement, and cancellation by the city on any interest date after 20 years from the date of issue; and

Whereas, St. 1945, c. 361, s. 3, provides that, if Traffic Tunnel Retirement Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1945, are issued under said chapter 361, the city shall call, retire, and cancel, at the earliest date permitted, Traffic Tunnel Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1929, in accordance with their terms; and

Whereas, Traffic Tunnel Retirement Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1945, were issued under said chapter 361; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid issue of 4 per cent Traffic Tunnel Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1929, dated September 1, 1930, and due September 1, 1980, be, and hereby is, called for retirement and cancellation on September 1, 1950; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That the City Treasurer of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of said call during the month of July, 1950, in both of the following ways: (a) by causing a notice of call to be printed once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Boston, once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of New York, and once in two financial publications of national circulation, and (b) by mailing such a notice by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the registered holders of said bonds of record at the time of such mailing, at their then most recent addresses on file with said treasurer; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That the aforesaid notice of call shall be in substantially the following form:

CITY OF BOSTON
in the
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NOTICE OF CALL OF BONDS FOR RETIREMENT AND CANCELLATION.

To Holders of 4 per cent Traffic Tunnel Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1929, dated September 1, 1930, and Others Concerned.

Public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 4 per cent Traffic Tunnel Bonds, City of Boston, Act of 1929, dated September 1, 1930, and due September 1, 1980, have been called for retirement and cancellation on September 1, 1950, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

Payment of the face amount of each of said bonds, with any accumulated unpaid interest to September 1, 1950, will be made by the City

of Boston on and after September 1, 1950, upon surrender of the bond for payment at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

City Treasurer of the City of Boston.

July, 1950.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Ruth Benjamin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Public Library.

Ethel Sloane Bickford, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in stairs, Copley Square Library.

Boston Conservatory of Music, for compensation for damage to property on Hemenway street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Ernest Carrelli, for compensation for damage to property at 948 Saratoga street, East Boston, caused by defective condition of water sewer.

Marie J. Fisk, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Aberdeen street.

J. Gandolfo, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 155 Salem street, caused by broken water main.

George S. Gigante, Jr., for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Mary L. Grant, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Keswick street.

Joseph Kaplan, for compensation for damage to car by police cruising car.

John J. Kenny, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 22 Ellsworth street, Roxbury, caused by water being shut off.

William P. Miller, for compensation for loss of clothing while patient at City Hospital.

Scaramelli & Co., Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 137 and 139 North street and 41-45 Ferry street, caused by bursting of water pipe.

Sisters of St. Joseph, Mt. St. Joseph Academy, for compensation for damage to property by Water Department.

Albert K. Wagner, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Adolph Post, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred as result of traveling from Washington, D. C., to Boston, on December 10 and 11, 1949, in response to telegram from Commissioner of Public Works.

Executive.

Petition of Frank L. McCarthy, employee in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, for retirement as a veteran.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Mary A. Campbell, Jordan Hall, June 6.

League of Women for Community Service, Recital Hall, May 20.

Lillafrances Viles, Hyde Park High School, May 15.

Kay A. McDermott, John Hancock Hall, June 1.

Daniel D. Tierney, John Hancock Hall, June 1.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved:

Henry Atwood, Abram Bornstein, Howard P. Camden, James A. Canton, Sidney Cohen, John M. Crawford, James E. Desmond, William J. DuRoss, Meyer Goldstein, Salvatore Grassa, Edward G. Hession, Mark H. Krafsur, Nathan Kravitsky, Charles I. Lesser, Frank A. Mitchell, Ralph Ober, George N. Pierce, Hector Palladino, Phillip S. Phillips, Jacob E. Schrank, Frank Shaw, Edward W. Sheehan, Isaac Shulman, Joseph Simansky, Clifford L. Smith, Solomon Spack, Frank Spano, Joseph Todisco, Sidney Williams, Roman J. Vasil, Louis Yacker.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

Frank W. Buxton, 29 Sutherland road, Brookline, Trustee of Public Library, for term ending April 30, 1955.

John H. Cauley, M. D., 8 Carruth street, Dorchester, Health Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1954.

Paul F. Clark, 200 Berkeley street, Boston, member of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for term ending April 30, 1953.

Howard T. Clinch, 177 State street, Boston, Commissioner of Art Department, for term ending April 30, 1955, vice George H. Edgell.

Richard J. Condon, 24 Park street, West Roxbury, Trustee of Hospital Department, for term ending April 30, 1955, vice Joseph F. Timility.

Judge John J. Connelly, 135 Perham street, West Roxbury, Overseer of Public Welfare Department, for term ending April 30, 1953.

Henry E. Foley, 166 Moss Hill road, Jamaica Plain, Overseer of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1953.

Harry P. Grages, 25 Pilsudski Way, South Boston, Overseer of Public Welfare Department, for term ending April 30, 1953.

William L. Hyland, 11 Beacon street, member of Board of Zoning Adjustment, for term ending April 30, 1955, vice John R. Nichols.

Harry J. Keefe, 95 Hewlett street, Roslindale, Building Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice John J. Mahoney.

William F. Keesler, 69 Homestead street, Waban, member of Board of Real Estate Commissioners, for term ending April 30, 1953.

George W. Judkins, 31 State street, member of Board of Appeal, for term ending April 30, 1955.

Falk Nathan, 125 Lanark road, Brighton, member of Board of Examiners for term ending April 30, 1953, vice Benjamin Gargill.

Dana Somes, 53 State street, member of Board of Zoning Adjustment, for term ending April 30, 1955.

Benjamin Spinoza, 1 State street, member of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for term ending April 30, 1953.

John A. Sullivan, 14 Johnson street, West Roxbury, Budget Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1954.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR I. SIMONELLI.

Notice was received from the Health Department of provisional appointment of Victor I. Simonelli, 8 Minot street, Boston, as inspector of housing and sanitation at $2,500 per year, effective April 28.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearings to be held in the hearing room of the department as follows:

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for operation of motor vehicles on Mystic River Bridge to Haymarket Square Circle, etc., May 8, at 10 A.M.

Petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles over Columbia road, portion of Franklin Park, Glenway street, and Old road, May 29, 10 A.M.

Petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for installation of conduits, wires, etc., on certain East Boston streets, May 19, 10 A.M.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS.

Notice was received from William Arthur Reilly, Traffic Commissioner, that McLaughlin & Reilly Company, of which he is treasurer, may receive orders from School Department or Institutions Department for religious or choral music used in chapel services or glee club concerts.

Notice was received from Mary W. Cauley, Director, Household Science and Arts, of interest as author of book, "The Science and Art of Homemaking," authorized for use as textbook by School Committee.

Severally placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report of appointment by the Mayor (referred April 17) of Louis Repucci and Carl J. Brinkman, to be constables without authority to serve civil process and to serve without bond for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 10) of constables without power to serve civil process and to serve without bond, as contained in City Document No. 41, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Councilor Farin moved that the name of Charles B. Gray, 14 Pleasant Hill avenue, be excluded from the names contained in City Document No. 41 and his name recommitted to the Committee on Confirmations. The motion was lost, yeas 4, nays 11:

Yeas—Councilors Cook, Farin, Kinsella, Wenzler—4.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey—11.

Voting present—Councilors Bryan, Linehan—2.

The question then came on confirmation of all the appointments. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Shanley. Whole number of ballots, 17, yeas 16, nay 1, and all the appointments were confirmed.

HEARING RE ACCEPTANCE OF BURTON STREET EXTENSION.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hold a hearing relative to accepting Burton Street Extension, Ward 22, as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SURVEY OF WARD 22 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner and the engineers of the Traffic Commission be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey with Councilor Shanley relative to the traffic problems in Ward 22, in regard to additional traffic signs and traffic lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend reconstruction of Atkins street, Presentation road, Hunnewell avenue, and Oak square avenue in Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit a loan order in the amount of $1,000,000, said money to be expended for the construction of sidewalks that are in need of immediate repair throughout the City of Boston during the year 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER DIVISION YARD, WARD 2.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the establishment of a Sewer Division yard in Charlestown, Ward 2, Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN FOR REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS BY ELECTRICITY.

Coun. SHANLEY and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to decrease the $2,000,000 loan to $1,000,000 for the reconstruction of streets for the year 1950 and to submit a $1,000,000 loan order to replace the antiquated gas lamps in the city with electric lights.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

CLEVELAND STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Cleveland street, Hyde Park, and install sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLANTING OF TREES, CLEMATIS STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to plant trees on Clematis street in Ward 16, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTICE RE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM POLL TAX.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Collector be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to insert a notice in the current poll tax stating that those who have reached the age of sixty-five on January 1, 1950, are exempt from paying poll tax, thus eliminating the confusion which now exists.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ORDINANCES RE DRIVE-IN THEATRES.

Coun. BEADES and BRYAN submitted the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Relative to the Licensing of Shows and the Like in Drive-In Theatres, So-called.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 39 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following:

Drive-In Theatres.

Sect. 24. No license shall be granted or renewed under chapter 494 of the Acts of 1908, as amended, for any theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement or exhibition of any description to be given in a drive-in theatre, so-called, which is within two thousand feet of a building occupied in whole or in part as a public or private school having more than fifty pupils, or as a public or private hospital having more than twenty-five beds, or as a church.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Relative to the Opening of Drive-In Theatres, So-called.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section 30 the following:

Drive-In Theatres.

Sect. 30A. No drive-in theatre, so-called, shall be opened for business in the city of Boston within two thousand feet of any building occupied

in whole or in part as a public or private school having more than fifty pupils, or as a public or private hospital having more than twenty-five beds, or as a church.

The rules were suspended and the ordinances were severally passed.

FENCE ALONG OLD COLONY LINE, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put a fence along the Old Colony line in the Ward 17 section.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARK DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make the necessary repairs and loaming of the park at Eaton square, at the junction of Adams street and Bowdoin street in Dorchester; also, the park at Meeting House Hill, at Adams street, Church street, and Winter street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEARINGS BEFORE RENT CONTROL OFFICE.

Coun. RAMSEY and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Mayor intercede on behalf of the tenants of the City of Boston with the rent control office to see that they get a justified hearing on the rent increases and that the rent control office use better judgment on granting increases.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF FRANKLIN PARK STADIUM FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Mayor request a conference to be held with the Robert White Fund Trustees, School Committee, and the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds for the purpose of discussing the advisability of making the schoolboy stadium at Franklin Park available to veteran, charitable, and civic organizations for public functions that will provide programs of a wholesome nature for the best interest of the citizens of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VACATING OF FRANKLIN FIELD LOCKER BUILDING BY REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to ask the examining office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles located in the Franklin Field locker building to vacate at once.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF FRANKLIN FIELD TENNIS COURTS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of resurfacing the tennis courts in Franklin Field.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"COMBAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WEEK."

Coun. RAMSEY, BEADES, and SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with His Excellency the Governor with a view to setting aside a week to be known as "Combat Juvenile Delinquency Week" for the purpose of impressing upon the citizenry of the Commonwealth the importance of combating juvenile delinquency.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING AND LIGHTING OF CITY HALL GATE LAMPS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Buildings to clean and light at night the lamps on the pillars and gate in front of City Hall.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PUBLIC HEARING RE CALF PASTURE DEVELOPMENT.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Housing of the City Council hold a public hearing inviting the Boston Housing Authority and the proponents of the proposed construction at Calf Pasture in Dorchester, together with the heads of the various veterans and unions officials of the state and any other interested parties, to get the low down on this proposition.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

The rules were suspended and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—17.

Nay—0.

Coun. LINEHAN, Chairman of the Committee on Public Housing, announced the hearing would be held on Thursday, May 4, 1950, at 10.30 A.M.

REORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, Recent studies made in the Public Works Department of the City of Boston have disclosed the necessity of reorganizing said department in order to equip it with personnel and machinery required by new methods of construction; and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor and the Public Works Commissioner have recognized the demands for such improvement by effecting changes within said department; and

Whereas, Alleged violations of contracts let out by said department have further emphasized the urgent need for a modern engineering division within the Public Works Department; and

Whereas, Under the charter of the City of Boston reorganization of a department, or a division within a department, must be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Boston City Council; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston City Council refuse to approve the consolidation of the Bridge and Ferry Division and the Highway Division, as announced by the Commissioner of Public Works; and be it further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to submit a plan for the approval of the Mayor and the City Council which will bring into fact a modern, well-equipped, and effective engineering division in the Public Works Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

HEALEY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately repair the tennis courts on the Healey Playground and to erect a basketball court on same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEVELING OFF OF WACHUSETT STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to level off the Wachusett Street Playground so that a ballfield may be laid out there.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND AT PINE BANKS, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of establishing a playground on the Pine Banks in Jamaica Plain, with softball and hardball diamonds.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DAISY FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McCORMACK and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a field house and backstop on the Daisy Field in Jamaica Plain.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ARTERIAL HIGHWAY.

Coun. LANIGAN and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with His Excellency the Governor in an effort to have the State Public Works Department explore the possibility of adopting the so-called Robinson Plan for the construction of the proposed arterial highway along Atlantic avenue and Commercial street, which would eliminate the necessity of tearing down taxable business and residential properties, resulting in the eviction of a great many tenants along the route of the so-called Maguire Plan.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF SHAMIR SHAMIRIAN.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Arlington, Chandler, and Tremont streets, Ward 5, in honor of Private Shamir Shamirian of Company K, Seventh Infantry, Third Division, United States Army, who was killed in action at Anzio, Italy, on May 23, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the drinking fountain at Marine Park, erect a backstop and furnish bases for the baseball diamonds, and open up the shower baths at the Aquarium.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS AT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Institutions Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the Long Island Hospital, with a view to providing additional accommodations for the poor of the city who are unable to obtain admission at the present time due to lack of room.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THANKS TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN W. McCORMACK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby extends its sincere appreciation and thanks to Congressman John W. McCormack for his splendid leadership in sponsoring a resolution in Congress protesting against the partition of Ireland.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Shanley, the Council voted at 4.25 P.M. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 5.30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for retirement and cancellation of bonds of Sumner Traffic Tunnel, aggregating $4,000,000, by the city on September 1, 1950—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 20) for sale of steamer "Stephen J. O'Meara" at public auction for not less than $5,000—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on petition of Frank L. McCarthy, veteran in the Penal Institutions Department, for retirement—recommending passage of the following order:

Whereas, Frank L. McCarthy, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as clothing instructor in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and

Whereas, The said Frank L. McCarthy has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran, as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service; and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed $1,000;

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended

by chapter 602 of the Acts of 1949, Frank L. McCarthy, employed in the County of Suffolk as clothing instructor in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as County Commissioners, at an annual pension of $1,750, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred April 24) for naming of intersections of streets in honor of deceased veterans—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of appropriation of $10,000 from Reserve Fund to Public Celebrations—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

RESURFACING OF BURT STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Burt street in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 5.34 P.M. on motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, to meet on Monday, May 8, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 8, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the appointment of James J. Durkan, 29 Harvard avenue, Brookline, as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

LAND IN WARD 20 FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning land in Ward 20 for public housing purposes.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
May 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Concerning Land in Ward 20 for Public Housing Purposes.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 26, 1950, in which you forwarded the order of the City Council dated April 24, 1950, on the above subject.

In that order this Authority was requested to consider the advisability of acquiring land on Stimson, Vogel and Salman streets and Upland road in Ward 20 for the construction of one- and two-family houses.

This letter is to advise you that the Authority will cause a study to be made of the area involved so that a decision can be made on this request.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND ON WEEKS AVENUE, WEST ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a communication from the Boston Housing Authority recommending the sale to Mary S. Kirkland for $350 of land on Weeks avenue, West Roxbury, taken for housing purposes in excess of the actual amount of land required, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
May 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Lot 106, Captain John's Hill.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

The City of Boston Law Department has prepared an order to the Boston City Council for approval of the sale of one half the above-captioned lot. This lot was originally owned by Mary S. Kirkland, as well as the adjoining lot 105, upon which stands the house in which Mrs. Kirkland lives.

Said lot 106 was taken by the Boston Housing Authority in 1947 by eminent domain proceedings. Subsequent to the taking Mrs. Kirkland brought a petition for assessment of damages in the Suffolk Superior Court and after trial was awarded $1,087.43, which included costs, and the same was paid to her in December, 1948.

As is the custom of this Authority, an appraisal was made by experts in behalf of said Authority, which appraisal set a figure of $700 on the land alone and an additional $500 for decreased salability of Mrs. Kirkland's adjoining land, making a total of $1,200 on said appraisal.

Subsequently, Mrs. Kirkland offered $350 to purchase back one half of lot 106, which had been taken from her as described above. The figure of $350 for one-half said lot is exactly one half the figure set by our appraisers for the value of the land alone.

Therefore, at a meeting of this Authority on April 5, 1950, it was voted to sell the property in question to Mrs. Kirkland for $350, as excess land no longer needed by this Authority for the purpose for which it was acquired.

On April 24, 1950, the action of this Authority at its meeting of April 5, 1950, was unanimously approved by the State Housing Board. In pursuance of said approval the order described in paragraph one of this letter was prepared by the Law Department, and your favoring of the same is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston, acting by and through the Boston Housing Authority, by virtue of the provisions of St. 1946, c. 372, as amended, took by eminent domain for veterans' housing purposes a certain parcel of land belonging to Mary S. Kirkland, being parcel 106 on a plan marked "Roslindale Terrace, West Roxbury, Boston, Suffolk County, Mass., owned by J. W. Wilbur Company Inc., formerly owned by Wigglesworth Real Estate Company, July 9, 1924, Ernest W. Branch, Civil Engineer"; and

Whereas, At a regular meeting of the Boston Housing Authority held on April 5, 1950, it was voted to sell back one half of lot 106, Captain John's Hill, to Mary S. Kirkland, former owner, for $350; and

Whereas, At a meeting of the State Housing Board held on April 24, 1950, it was voted: "That the request of the Boston Housing Authority dated April 7, 1950, for the sale of excess land in the Captain John's Hill Veterans' Housing Project, be approved in the sum of $350"; now, therefore, it is

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be, and it hereby is, authorized to sell at private sale to Mary S. Kirkland for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars ($350) a certain parcel of land hereinafter described and to execute and deliver to Mary S. Kirkland, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, conveying all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to a certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Weeks avenue, West Roxbury district of the City of Boston, being the northerly half of lot 106 on said plan above referred to, bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Weeks avenue, twenty-five (25) feet; southerly by other land of the grantor, being the southerly half of said lot 106, eighty-five (85) feet; westerly by lot 96 on said plan, twenty-five (25) feet; northerly by lot 105 on said plan, eighty-five (85) feet; containing approximately two thousand one hundred twenty-five (2,125) square feet of land.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell, the rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Hannon.

The order was assigned for 14 days for final action.

PROHIBITION OF PARKING, ONE SIDE OF ROGERS PARK AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 6, 1950, concerning parking being prohibited in one side of Rogers Park avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
May 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated March 6, 1950, Requesting That Parking Be Prohibited in One Side of Rogers Park Avenue.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to the above Council order, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 27, 1950, it was voted to prohibit parking in Rogers Park avenue, Brighton, north side, from Lake street to Foster street, 24 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INVESTIGATION OF FIRES AT BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning a complete investigation of recent fires at the Boston State Hospital.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, May 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Your Honor:

With reference to the City Council order asking this department to make an investigation of the fires at the Boston State Hospital at Mattapan, we wish to advise the Honorable City Council, through you, that the persons responsible for the fires at the Boston State Hospital have been apprehended.

Five inmates were involved, and these patients have been transferred to other state institutions. It is believed that these transfers will prevent recurrence of the fires at the Boston State Hospital.

Respectfully yours,
Michael T. Kelleher,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NOTICE RE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM POLL TAX.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the City Collector relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning a notice being inserted in the current poll tax stating that those who have reached the age of sixty-five on January 1, 1950, are exempt from paying poll tax, thus eliminating the confusion which now exists.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Collecting Department, May 5, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Report on the following City Council order:

"Ordered, That the City Collector be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to insert a notice in the current poll tax stating that those who have reached the age of sixty-five on January 1, 1950, are exempt from paying poll tax, thus eliminating the confusion which now exists."

Taxpayers who, according to the assessors' list, have reached sixty-five years of age are receiving, with a poll tax bill, a post card addressed to the Board of Assessors, containing all the information necessary to grant the exemption mentioned in the order of the City Council, dated May 1, 1950.

To date, these cards have been sent to approximately 15,000 taxpayers.

Poll tax bills have been mailed to all under sixty-five years of age in all but one ward.

Respectfully,
James E. Gildea, City Collector.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith two orders for the naming of certain intersections in the city in honor of two veterans who gave their lives in the service of our country.

These orders are the result of requests made by members of your Honorable Body, and the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the two sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the two orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Sheafe and Salem streets, Ward 3, be named Ernest J. Natale Square, in honor of Ernest J. Natale, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Arlington, Chandler, and Tremont streets, Ward 5, be named Shamir M. Shamirian Square, in honor of Shamir M. Shamirian, late veteran of World War II.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the rule was suspended, and the orders were passed.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith two proposed changes in the ordinances relating to the organization of the Health Department. I take this action on the recommendation of the committee recently appointed to review and analyze the recommendations contained in the survey reports of the Boston Finance Commission. In submitting this recommendation, the committee comments as follows:

The survey report points out that the Health Department at present consists of some twelve divisions or administrative units all largely independent of each other. The only method of coordination is through the Health Commissioner. In the opinion of the surveyor this is a weak and ineffective method of administration since "an executive cannot be expected to administer effectively the work of more than five or six other executives if those executives are conducting work of real scope."

In order to simplify and clarify the internal organization of the department, it is recommended that the position of Assistant Commissioner be created and that four major administrative units designated as sections be established. These sections are to bear the following designations:

General Services.
Preventive Medical Services.
Environmental Sanitation.
Local Health Services.

The activities within these sections would be subdivided into divisions. Administrative au-

thority would move from the Commissioner through the Assistant Commissioner to the heads of the four sections, who in turn would delegate authority to the chiefs of the divisions within the respective sections. The Assistant Commissioner would relieve the Commissioner of a substantial amount of routine and detail work, and the administrative responsibilities of the Commissioner would be centralized under four units or sections rather than decentralized as at present under twelve independent units.

The advantages claimed for this plan of organization are:

1. It enables the Commissioner to administer his entire department through a small number of executive officers.
2. It avoids a large number of independent administrative units and enables the Commissioner to correlate the work of the department more effectively.
3. It defines clearly the chain of responsibility of the directors of the several sections and divisions of the department.
4. It centralizes the direction of divisions having close interrelationships by placing administrative responsibility in the office of a single section director, who in turn interprets the programs and needs of these divisions to the Commissioner.

As pointed out by the committee, the proposed ordinance changes are merely to simplify and clarify the internal organization of the Health Department. The divisional organization under the four major administrative units is left to the discretion of the Health Commissioner. I am informed by the committee that, in their discussion of the subject matter with the Commissioner, he indicated that in all probability the present divisional setup of the department will be retained. In other words, the adoption of the proposed changes will mean no radical changes insofar as the rank and file of departmental personnel is concerned. I respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying amendments to existing ordinances.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.
An Ordinance Concerning the Organization of the Health Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentences: The health commissioner may appoint, subject to the approval of the mayor, an assistant health commissioner who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties and shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. The assistant health commissioner shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the health commissioner.

Sect. 2. Said chapter 17 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 2. The Health Commissioner shall establish the following sections of the Health Department: section of General Services, section of Medical Services, section of Environmental Sanitation, and section of Local Health Service. Each section shall be in charge of a director, who shall be appointed by the Health Commissioner. The Commissioner may, from time to time, determine the divisions, if any, within each of said sections, and shall appoint the heads of such divisions. In appointing a section or division head, the Commissioner shall certify that, in his opinion, the person appointed is an expert in the work which will devolve upon him, that he is a person especially fitted by education, training, or experience to perform the duties of the position, and that the appointment is made solely in the interest of the city.

Sect. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 5, 1950.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Barney & Carey Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Dora Brown, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1969 Columbus avenue.

Petronella B. Bukowski, for compensation for damage to property at 381 Western avenue, Brighton, caused by water being turned off.

Edward E. Callahan, for compensation for damage to property at 247 West street, Hyde Park, during reconstruction of West street.

Eugene J. Cincotta, for compensation for damage to car by fire engine.

R. Ollivette Crellen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 12 Florence street.

Paul F. Foley, to be reimbursed for executions issued against him.

Mrs. F. Higgins, for compensation for loss of overcoat while patient at City Hospital.

David J. Kehoe, to be reimbursed as result of executions issued against him.

Charles J. E. Kickham, M.D., for compensation for damage to car by Park Department men clearing trees.

Ida Kierstead, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Portland and Merrimac streets.

Norman L. Mayer, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Edward W. McQuilliam, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Gerard D. Murphy, for compensation for damage to property at 243 West street, Hyde Park, during reconstruction of West street.

Mrs. E. Petraitis, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 88 Armandine street, caused by water being shut off.

Margaret Reynolds, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2044 Columbus avenue.

Saul Rothman, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John F. Rynne, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Evelyn Valentine, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Dora Windebaum, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Homestead street and Humboldt avenue.

Executive.

Petition of Alice R. Newman to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Augustus J. Newman, late member of Fire Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company for license for carriage of passengers by motor vehicle: Providence street, between Park square and Arlington street; Arlington street, between Providence street and Tremont street; Tremont street, between Arlington street and Broadway.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Edna Cora Johnson, Brown Hall, June 11.

Mildred Holmes, Jordan Hall, June 21.

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, May 12, 13, 19, and 20.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council:

Donald M. Ahigian, Irving E. Bennett, Alfred Blaustein, Edward A. DeSimone, Patrick J. Donovan, Abner Goldkrand, Arnold Klevens, Bronis Kontrim, Maurice Levine, Anthony Luongo, Salvatore Maffei, Joseph W. McCleary, Francis J. Melville, Jr., Frank A. Roche, Edward J. Rockett, William T. Ross, Joseph P. Schrank, Francis C. Shack, Sidney Sheinfeld, Joseph R. Shirtleff, Henry J. D. Small, Jerome Suvalle, Benjamin J. Tackeff, Morris Youman.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

John A. Breen, 60 Congress street, member of Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Guy E. Campobasso, 864 Washington street, director of Workingmen's Loan Association, vice Nathan S. Sodekson.

Patrick F. McDonald, 10 Powerhouse street, South Boston, member of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for term ending April 30, 1951, vice Page Browne, resigned.

John J. Sullivan, 60 Charlesgate East, Overseer of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1953, vice Richard J. Condon, resigned.

Thomas J. Turley, 324 Park street, West Roxbury, member of City Planning Board, for term ending April 30, 1955.

Severally placed on file.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ORGANIZATION.

Notice was received from the Trustees of the Public Library of organization of the Trustees as follows: President, Frank J. Donahue; vice president, Lee M. Friedman; clerk, Elizabeth B. Brockunier.

Placed on file.

COW PASTURE REDEVELOPMENT.

Coun. LINEHAN submitted the following telegram:

May 8, 1950.

Hon. Thomas E. Linehan, Chairman, Housing Committee, Boston City Council.

My associates and I wish to thank you and all members of your committee for the fair and thorough hearing you afforded us last Thursday and for having obtained from three members of the Housing Authority the assurance that if we can satisfactorily answer the ten questions raised, then their objections to our proposed housing projects on the Cow Pasture will be withdrawn. Consequently, we shall advise you early in the week of May 15 on our readiness to again appear before you with our answers and meanwhile again thank you and all members of your Honorable Body for the courtesy extended.

Respectfully,
Eugene Greenut, President,
Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

Placed on file.

LOAN OF $7,000,000 FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for loan of $7,000,000 for Housing for Veterans of World War II.

On April 24, 1950, the foregoing was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Coun. KINSELLA, for the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred April 17) that Commissioner of Public Works install system of street paving in Public Works Department and do all street paving in residential areas of the city and in those areas of commercial sections of city where such work can be done expeditiously — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 24) for loan of $2,000,000 for Construction of Public Ways or Permanent Pavement—that same ought to pass.

On April 24, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

AMOUNT ACCRUED IN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Retirement Board relative to the possibility of notifying the members of the Retirement System as to the amount accrued to the individual member of said system, and to determine also the possibility of making such announcements by July 1 of 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SHADES IN HEALTH UNIT NURSERY, WARD 3.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install shades in the nursery at the health unit on North Margin street in Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ALLEGHANY STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install new sidewalks and street on Alleghany street in Roxbury, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIGHT IN FRONT OF 202 HEATH STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Lighting Division of the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric light in front of the new building at 202 Heath street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGN ON RUTHVEN STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a "Slow" sign on Ruthven street, about 100 feet from the intersection of Pleasant street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUESTED REMOVAL OF JOHN J. COLEMAN.

On motion of Councilor Bryan, the Council voted to take from the table No. 1 in the Calendar, viz.:

Order requesting the removal of John J. Coleman as a member of the Boston Housing Authority.

Coun. SHANLEY in the chair.

Councilor Chase moved that the order be amended so that it would read that the Boston Finance Commission be requested to investigate

the charges made this day on the open floor of the Council by Councilor Bryan, with a view to determining whether or not the Boston Housing Authority has been acting in the best interest of the city, and that the order be further amended so that, if the Finance Commission finds the charges are correct, then his Honor the Mayor be requested to remove the full board of the Boston Housing Authority.

The Chair ruled that the amendment should be introduced as a separate order.

Councilor Chase moved that the order be laid on the table, and the motion was lost.

Councilor Coffey moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Public Housing. The motion was lost.

Councilor Cook moved to amend the order so that it would read: "Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to look into the charges submitted against John J. Coleman and any others involved in such charges for such findings and recommendations as he sees fit to submit to the City Council."

Councilor Chase moved that the order be laid on the table. The motion was lost.

Councilor Sullivan moved the previous question. The motion was carried. The question then came on the passage of the amendment of Councilor Cook. The amendment was passed, yeas 11, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—11.

Nays—Councilors Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey—9.

Voting present—Councilor Linehan—1.

The question then came on suspension of the rule and the passage of the order as amended.

Councilor Sullivan moved for division of the question of suspension of the rule and passage of the order as amended. The motion was carried.

Councilor Ansel moved to lay the order on the table. The motion was lost. The question then came on the suspension of the rule, and the motion was lost, yeas 9, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—9.

Nays—Councilors Cantwell, Coffey, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey—9.

Voting present—Councilors Farin, Linehan, McCormack—3.

Councilor Hannon moved reconsideration of the foregoing vote to suspend the rules. The motion was carried. The question then came on the passage of the order as amended. The order as amended was rejected, the vote on its passage being yeas 9, nays 12:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, McCormack, Wenzler, Yerxa—9.

Nays—Councilors Cantwell, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy—12.

Voting present—Councilor Linehan—1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Thomas Byrnes (referred April 24) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Water Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thirty dollars and nine cents ($130.09) be allowed and paid to Thomas Byrnes in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Water Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Thomas P. Dooley (referred April 17) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of station wagon belonging to School Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be allowed and paid to Thomas P. Dooley in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a station wagon belonging to the School Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Arthur Kitchin (referred April 24) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department — recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred thirty-one dollars and fifty cents ($231.50) be allowed and paid to Arthur Kitchin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 27) for appropriation of $60,000 from income of Cemetery Fund, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioner for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

Nays—0.

EMERGENCY INVESTIGATIONS BY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Veterans' Services for the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make all emergency investigations within two days of the filing of the application, because, under his ruling, no more emergency aid will be granted without an investigation.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Councilor Wenzler moved that when the Council adjourn it be to meet on Monday, May 22, at 2 P.M., out of respect to the proposed visit of the new Ambassador of Ireland on Monday, May 15.

The motion was lost.

PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF OLD COLONY HOUSING PROJECT.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, The Old Colony Housing Development was originally constructed for the purpose of housing low-income people but, due to the need for inducing war workers during World War II to come to Boston to produce war materials, it was used for the purpose of housing said war workers under the authority of the War Housing Act; and

Whereas, The cost of building said development was very low as compared with present-day construction costs, and therefore it would be possible to house low-income families at a much lower rental; therefore, be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of taking over the Old Colony Housing Project as a low-income project rather than permit the sale of same to private interests. In the event that said project is sold or transferred to the Boston Housing Authority for the said purpose, then the present tenants whose income would be excessive should be given a long period of time to find other housing quarters. People in the low-income bracket who originally

lost their homes because of the taking of said site for public housing will be permitted to become tenants in said project.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM AND COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the wooden seats of the South Boston Stadium and to cover the run-down cinder track with loam so that baseball players will not be sustaining injuries by reason of twisting their ankles on said cinders; and be it further

Ordered, That softball and hardball diamonds along with proper backstops be laid out and constructed on Columbus Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS ON I STREET.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks on I street, from East Sixth street to Columbia road, Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED LAND TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the custody and control of the city-owned land on Wallingford road and Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 21, formerly used as a city paving yard, be transferred to the Park Department for playground purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds.

LEGAL AID TO CERTAIN WELFARE RECIPIENTS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to cause to be established in the Law Department of the City of Boston a unit of at least two assistant corporation counsels to advise and aid recipients of welfare of all kinds in matters pertaining to increases in the rent of recipients.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON POPLAR STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Poplar street, from Beech street to 395 West street (both sides), Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones.

Under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner and the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to enforce the regulations barring motor vehicle traffic in the various roadways in Franklin Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VISIT OF AMBASSADOR FROM IRELAND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to display the flags of the United States and of Ireland in honor of the first visit of the Ambassador of Ireland to Boston on Saturday, May 13; and be it further

Ordered, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled invite the Ambassador of Ireland to address a meeting of the Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADEQUATE FENCES ALONG NEW HAVEN RIGHT OF WAY.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take up with the Public Utilities Commission of the Commonwealth the matter of compelling the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to erect and maintain adequate fences along its rights of way in the City of Boston for the safety and protection of children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, DORCHESTER AVENUE AND ASHMONT STREET.

Coun. FARIN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install push-button traffic signals at the intersection of Dorchester avenue and Ashmont street, in Wards 16 and 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF MARSH STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to construct Marsh street in Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REBUILDING OF TAYLOR STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to rebuild Taylor street in Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TOLMAN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Tolman street, Neponset, one way so that cars will enter Tolman street only from the Neponset Avenue entrance.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT CENTRE AND DORCHESTER AVENUES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Centre and Dorchester avenues in Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL FIRE ALARM BOX, MINOT STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install another fire alarm box at Minot street, between Hallet street and Neponset avenue. There have been several serious fires in this neighborhood, and the residents have had to go quite a way to pull an alarm.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHECK OF GRADINGS BY ALLIED ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to demand that the Allied Engineering Corporation check the gradings on all construction work done by them in connection with the Baker Street Housing Project, particularly in regard to water running into the cellars of adjoining properties.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INQUIRY INTO CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Finance Commission is hereby requested by the Boston City Council to inquire into all expenditures made by the Boston Housing Authority under former Chairman John J. Coleman, and especially into the charges made by Councilors Bryan and Ansel on the floor of the City Council on May 8, 1950, with a view to determining whether or not the Boston Housing Authority at that time had been acting in the best interests of the public.

The Chair referred the order to the Committee on Public Housing. Councilor Linehan questioned whether the order belonged in that committee, and the Chair then referred the order to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to adjourn at 5.40 P.M., to meet on Monday, May 15, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 15, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDINANCES RE DRIVE-IN THEATERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, disapproved, the proposed ordinance relative to the licensing of shows and the like in drive-in theaters, so called, passed by your Honorable Body on May 1, 1950, and also the proposed ordinance relative to the opening of drive-in theaters, so called, passed by your Honorable Body on the same date.

My objections thereto are that, even if I affixed my signature to the proposed ordinances, they would have no force or effect. See communication of even date addressed to me by the Corporation Counsel with respect to the subject, a copy of which communication is enclosed herewith for your information.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, May 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

This is in reply to your inquiry concerning the validity of two ordinances passed by the City Council on May 1, 1950, and now before you for approval. In my opinion, neither ordinance is valid.

I.

The first of the proposed ordinances is entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Licensing of Shows and the Like in Drive-In Theatres, So-called," and provides as follows:

Chapter 39 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following:

Drive-In Theatres.

SECT. 24. No license shall be granted or renewed under chapter 494 of the acts of 1908, as amended, for any theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement or exhibition of any description to be given in a drive-in theatre, so-called, which is within two thousand feet of a building occupied in whole or in part as a public or private school having more than fifty pupils, or as a public or private hospital having more than twenty-five beds, or as a church.

Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1908, as amended, empowers the Mayor of Boston, with an exception not presently pertinent, to grant, with respect to any location in the entire city, "a license for theatrical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and exhibitions of every description, to which admission is obtained upon payment of money or upon the delivery of any valuable thing, or by a ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valuable thing, upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable." The above-quoted ordinance would limit this power by prohibiting the granting (or renewing) of licenses to certain drive-in theaters. It is well established that an ordinance which attempts to limit a power conferred by statute is repugnant to law and void. Commonwealth v. Allen, 128 Mass. 308. Williams v. Gloucester, 148 Mass. 256, 259. Municipal Light Commission v. Taunton, 323 Mass. 79.

II.

The second proposed ordinance is entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Opening of Drive-In Theatres, So-called," and reads thus:

Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section 30 the following:

Drive-In Theatres.

SECT. 30A. No drive-in theatre, so-called, shall be opened for business in the city of Boston within two thousand feet of any building occupied in whole or in part as a public or private school having more than fifty pupils, or as a public or private hospital having more than twenty-five beds, or as a church.

"An ordinance which goes beyond the authority conferred by the enabling statute is invalid." Cawley v. Northern Waste Company, 239 Mass. 540, 544. That is to say, a municipality has no inherent power to make laws; so that, if an ordinance is to be held valid, its enactment must have been authorized by some statute.

The principal statute enabling the passage of ordinances is G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, s. 21, cl. (1), authorizing municipalities to make ordinances "for directing and managing their prudential affairs, preserving peace and good order, and maintaining their internal police." It is settled, however, that this statute "does not transfer to a city or town all the police power of the Commonwealth or such portions of it as a municipality might desire to exercise, but the grant is limited to the regulation and prohibition of such matters as are of an inherently local nature, peculiarly affecting the public welfare of the particular community and so closely connected with the administration of local government as to become properly a part of it." Commonwealth v. Wolbarst, 319 Mass. 291, 293. Thus, G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, s. 21, cl. (1), does not authorize a bylaw reading as follows: "The removal for sale of loam, sand, gravel or quarried stone, bordering on or within 250 feet of a street line shall not be permitted except by permit from the Board of Appeals. No loam to be removed for sale for more than one-half of its depth in any part of the Town, except when incidental to, and in connection with the construction of a building, for which a permit has been issued." North Reading v. Drinkwater, 309 Mass. 200. The reasoning of the Wolbarst and Drinkwater cases, in my opinion, leads inescapably to the conclusion that G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, s. 21, cl. (1), cannot be invoked to sustain the second ordinance presently proposed.

In thus disposing of G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, s. 21, cl. (1), I do not overlook either Commonwealth v. Parks, 155 Mass. 531, upholding an ordinance of the City of Somerville providing that "No person shall blast rock or stone with gunpowder, giant powder, dynamite, gun-cotton, nitroglycerine, or any other explosive compound, without written consent from the board of aldermen," or Commonwealth v. Hubley, 172 Mass. 58, sustaining an ordinance of the City of Worcester providing that "No person shall carry on the business of collecting, storing, and dealing in old rags, old papers, or other such refuse material, in any building within a circle the radius of which is two miles from the intersection of the south line of Front Street and the east line of Main Street, unless he is duly licensed therefor by the board of aldermen, for which license, if granted, no fee shall he charged." Both of these ordinances merely required the business or activity involved to be licensed so as to insure that it would he conducted only by persons who could be trusted to observe proper precautions. Compare 172 Mass. 58, 60. As the first of the currently proposed ordinances shows, the business to which the second proposed ordinance relates is already subject to a licensing procedure. What the second proposed ordinance seeks to do is to prohibit absolutely the commencement of such business in certain areas. The second proposed ordinance thus goes far beyond the ordinances in the Parks and Hubley cases.

In addition to G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, s. 21, cl. (1), there are various other statutes which authorize ordinances of one kind or another. No useful purpose would appear to be served by rehearsing here all statutes of this character which have come to my attention, for they have all been indisputably inapplicable. Take, for example, St. 1938, c. 479, s. 105A, as inserted by St. 1939, c. 217, which permits the enactment of ordinances regu-

lating the inspection, materials, construction, alteration, repair, height, area, location and use of most buildings and other structures in Boston, and its state-wide counterpart, G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 143, s. 3, under which the Supreme Judicial Court in Storer v. Downey, 215 Mass. 273, sustained an ordinance of the City of Cambridge providing that "No building shall be erected for or converted to use as a garage unless such use is previously authorized by the board of aldermen." Assuming, without deciding, that the statutes just cited, when the procedure therein prescribed is followed, would be construed to authorize the passage of an ordinance absolutely forbidding, within the areas specified in the second ordinance presently proposed, the construction or use of premises for a drive-in theater, suffice it to say that the prohibition in that ordinance is not against construction or use of premises, but, probably because of a desire to reach drive-in theaters under construction, against the commencement of business, a subject plainly not covered by the statutes cited.

The inapplicability of the various statutes authorizing specific kinds of ordinances may be further illustrated by testing the second proposed ordinance as a zoning ordinance. In Boston, the matter of zoning is fully covered by St. 1924, c. 488, as amended. Where the Legislature has enacted a complete and comprehensive statutory system dealing with a certain subject matter, there is no room for ordinances. Commonwealth v. Baronas, 285 Mass. 321, 322. Commonwealth v. Wolbarst, 219 Mass. 291, 295. Furthermore, Boston is expressly excepted from G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 40, ss. 25–30A, by which other municipalities are empowered to pass zoning ordinances. Brackett v. Board of Appeal of Boston, 311 Mass. 52, 53.

The situation with respect to the second proposed ordinance thus comes down to this: To be valid, it must have been authorized by some enabling statute. So far as I can ascertain, it is not covered by any such statute. I am, therefore, forced to conclude that it is invalid.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951: Matthew J. Doyle, 2 Warner road, East Milton; James W. Urquhart, 15 Brent street, Dorchester; Henry M. Dolan, 320 Central avenue, Milton; Robert H. Howett, 392 Norfolk street, Dorchester; Peter N. Nearhos, 23 Jason street, Arlington; John S. Lentz, 148 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Thomas V. Curley, 86 Butler street, Dorchester.

Referred to Committe on Confirmations.

CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the construction of new streets on Henry street, Barry park, and Baker avenue, Ward 15.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 10, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on April 24:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed with the construction of new streets on Henry street, Barry park, and Baker avenue, as these streets were accepted last year in Ward 15."

The first-named street described as Henry street should be Hendry street. Both this street and Barry park were ordered laid out and constructed by the Board of Street Commissioners last year. Under the circumstances, therefore, we shall make every reasonable effort to construct them during the current year.

Baker avenue is still a private way, and it will have to be ordered laid out and constructed by the Board of Street Commissioners before any action can be taken by this department.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Atkins street, Presentation road, Hunnewell avenue, and Oak Square avenue in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 11, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 1:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend reconstruction of Atkins street, Presentation road, Hunnewell avenue, and Oak Square avenue in Ward 22."

I shall have an immediate inspection made to determine the necessity of reconstructing the above-referenced streets. You may be assured that we shall take every reasonable step to have the necessary improvements to these streets effected during the current year, if the results of the survey determine that reconstruction is necessary.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RESURFACING OF BURT STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Burt street in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 1:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Burt street in Ward 17."

I shall have a survey made to determine the necessity of resurfacing the above-referenced street during the current year.

If the results of such a survey show that reconstruction work is necessary, you may be assured

that the work will be included in this year's street construction program, to the extent of the appropriations available.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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ROTARY TRAFFIC AT KANE SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the feasibility of making the circle at Kane square, Dorchester, one way, for rotary traffic.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
May 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to the joint Council order of Councilors Ramsey and Hannon requesting a study as to the advisability of making the circle at Kane square, Dorchester, one way, for rotary traffic, the engineers of this department report the island in Kane square is located so that it would be very difficult for motorists driving in Hancock street to go to the right of this island as they are approaching Pleasant street.

At the present time the M.T.A. trackless trolleys which terminate in Kane square make this turn but if the traffic from Hancock street was forced to follow this same route, due to the large amount of traffic which would result, increased congestion would take place.

For this reason this department does not favor the proposed change.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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SURVEY OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the making of a survey with Councilor Shanley relative to the traffic problems in Ward 22 in regard to additional traffic signs and traffic signals.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
May 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is in reply to Council order dated May 1, 1950, directing that the engineers of this Commission make a survey with Councilor Shanley relative to the traffic problems in Ward 22 in regard to additional traffic signs and lights, and to advise that our engineers will be happy to comply with this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS ON VETERANS' EMERGENCY AID.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the making of all emergency investigations within two days of the filing of the application because, under his ruling, no more emergency aid will be granted without an investigation.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Department of Veterans' Services,
May 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Sir:

I have your letter of May 11, 1950, relative to City Council order of May 8, 1950 as follows:

"Ordered, That the Director of Veterans' Services for the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make all emergency investigations within two days of the filing of the application because, under his ruling, no more emergency aid will be granted without an investigation."

Evidently, misinformation has been given to the City Council. There is no ruling in effect in this office that requires an investigation be preliminary to payment of emergency aid in every case, nor will there be any such arbitrary determination.

Very sincerely,
FRANCIS X. COTTER, Commissioner.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS AT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Institutions Commissioner relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the making of a survey of Long Island Hospital with a view to providing additional accommodations for the poor of the city who are unable to obtain admission at the present time due to lack of room.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Institutions Department, May 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am in receipt of a communication from Thomas Shannon, Chief Clerk, dated May 4, 1950, calling to my attention a City Council order dated May 1, 1950, requesting that survey be made of the Long Island Hospital with a view to providing additional accommodations for the poor of the city who are unable to obtain admission at the present time due to lack of room.

There is usually space at Long Island Hospital for what we term Dormitory Patients. They are what are termed in the City Council order as the poor of the city.

The difficulty we have, just as in all hospitals, is for the chronically ill. One ward in the hospital is now being altered to make fifty more beds available. A new hospital is to be built; but because of excessive contruction costs due to the present transportation, it is being delayed until the Long Island viaduct is built.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. MCGILLIVRAY, Commissioner.

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AUTOMATIC GATES AT BIRD STREET CROSSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your order of April 17, 1950 concerning the intercession with the Public Utilities Commission in an effort to have them reconsider the matter of installing automatic gates at the Bird Street railroad crossing in Wards 13 and 15.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, May 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On April 20, 1950, you transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council on April 17, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to intercede with the Public Utilities Commission in an effort to have them reconsider the matter of installing automatic gates at the Bird Street railroad crossing in Wards 13 and 15."

On April 21, 1950, conformably with said order, I requested the Department of Public Utilities to reconsider the order entered by it on March 10, 1950, with respect to the matter in question.

This is to advise you that I am today in receipt of an order from the Department of Public Utilities denying the request for a rehearing.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

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PLAYGROUND AT 240 WEST CANTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the request to grade, fence in, and install playground equipment in the vacant lot of Park Department land at 240 West Canton street, Ward 4; to name said area "The Harriet Tubman Playground"; to arrange with the Harriet Tubman Settlement House for supervision of said playground and for the storage of the equipment of said playground.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 11, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated April 24, requesting us to grade, fence in, and install playground equipment in the vacant lot of Park Department land at 240 West Canton street, Ward 4; to name said area "The Harriet Tubman Playground"; to arrange with the Harriet Tubman Settlement House for supervision of said playground and for the storage of the equipment of said playground.

I am pleased to report that we are making arrangements to develop this lot of land as a play area, and we will see that the necessary equipment is installed suitable to a small tots area.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HANNON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the installation of a new flagpole and the planting of trees at the Hannon Playground in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 11, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated April 24, 1950, requesting the Park Commission to install a new flagpole and plant trees at the Hannon Playground in Dorchester.

I have made arrangements for the erection of a new flagpole at the Hannon Playground, and in addition we are to plant new trees on this area.

I am sure that when the repairs are completed they will meet with the satisfaction of all persons in the district.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

VACATING OF FRANKLIN FIELD LOCKER BUILDING BY REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the request to ask the examining office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles located in the Franklin Field locker building to vacate.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated May 1, requesting us to ask the examining office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles located in the Franklin Field locker building to vacate at once.

This department has endeavored to cooperate with the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and when the current examination of motor vehicles by the Registry has terminated, I am quite sure they will vacate the temporary location that we have given them in the Franklin Field locker building.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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DAISY FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the erection of a field house and backstop on the Daisy Field in Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated May 1, requesting us to erect a field house and backstop on the Daisy Field in Jamaica Plain.

We have not sufficient funds to do this work at the present time, but it is a matter that we will take under consideration and try to effect sometime in the future.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLANTING OF TREES, CLEMATIS STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners

relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the planting of trees on Clematis street in Ward 16, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting that trees be planted on Clematis street in Ward 16, Dorchester.

This request has been turned over to the Tree Division, and if possible we will plant trees on Clematis street.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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HEALEY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the repairing of the tennis courts on the Healey Playground and erecting a basketball court on same.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting us to immediately repair the tennis courts on the Healey Playground and to erect a basketball court on same.

We have taken this matter under consideration and if possible we will carry out the request made by Councilor McCormack.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS, WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the repairing and loaming of the park, junction of Adams and Bowdoin streets, Dorchester, and also the park at Meeting House Hill, at Adams street, Church street, and Winter street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting us to make the necessary repairs and loaming of the park at the junction of Adams and Bowdoin streets, Dorchester, and also the park at Meeting House Hill, at Adams street, Church street, and Winter street.

We will endeavor to carry out the necessary repairs and loaming of the parks as requested by Councilor Ramsey in this order.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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RESURFACING OF FRANKLIN FIELD TENNIS COURTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the study of the advisability of resurfacing the tennis courts in Franklin Field.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting us to study the advisability of resurfacing the tennis courts in Franklin Field.

This department will give further study to the advisability of resurfacing the tennis courts in Franklin Field as requested in this order by Councilor Ansel.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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PLAYGROUND AT PINE BANKS, JAMAICA PLAIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the study of the advisability of establishing a playground on the Pine Banks in Jamaica Plain, with softball and hardball diamonds.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting us to study the advisability of establishing a playground on the Pine Banks in Jamaica Plain, with softball and hardball diamonds.

We cannot promise anything definite as regards to establishing a playground as we have a ball diamond and play facilities on Daisy Field which is close by.

The Jamaicaway is one of the beauty spots of the park system, and we have plenty of playgrounds throughout the city that should be used by the boys seeking to play baseball.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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WACHUSETT STREET PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the leveling out of the Wachusett Street Playground so that a ball field may be laid out there.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting us to level off the Wachusett Street

Playground so that a ball field may be laid out there.

This matter will be given immediate attention, and I am quite sure the matter will be straightened out to the satisfaction of Councilor McCormack.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the repair of the drinking fountain at Marine Park, erection of a backstop and bases for the baseball diamonds and the opening of the shower baths at the aquarium.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 5, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 1, requesting the Park Commission to repair the drinking fountain at Marine Park, erect a backstop and furnish bases for the baseball diamonds, and open up the shower baths at aquarium.

The drinking fountain in Marine Park now comes under the M.D.C.

At the present time we are not quite sure of the future of the aquarium, but if we will have jurisdiction over this area, however, we will keep this request under consideration.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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VISIT OF AMBASSADOR FROM IRELAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the displaying of flags of the United States and of Ireland in honor of the first visit of the Ambassador of Ireland to Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
May 10, 1950.

Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

The City Council order of May 8, 1950, requesting the display of the flags of the United States and of Ireland in honor of the first visit of the Ambassador of Ireland to Boston on Saturday, May 13, will be complied with.

Instructions have been issued to the custodians of the City Hall and Annex buildings to fly the flag as requested above.

Very truly,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

SALARY OF DIVISION ENGINEER, BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and an ordinance establishing the salary of the Division Engineer of the recently established Bridge and Highway Division. I concur in the reasons advanced by the commissioner in recommending the said salary and recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Bridge and Ferry Division and the Highway Division of this department have now been consolidated to form a single division to be known as the Bridge and Highway Division.

The work, duties, and responsibilities of the Division Engineer of the newly created division are greatly increased, and I feel, therefore, that the salary should be increased to the level of the Division Engineer of the Water Division, who is receiving $7,700 per year.

One of the reasons for establishing the salary of the Division Engineer of the Water Division at a higher level than that of the division engineers of the other divisions of this department was due to consolidating, in 1938, of the Water Income and the Water Engineering Divisions. The work formerly done by the two division engineers was merged and one of the ratings of division engineer was abolished. The same thing has happened in the consolidation of the Bridge and Ferry and Highway Divisions. One of the positions of division engineer has been abolished and the new division head, therefore, is required to assume all the duties and responsibilities formerly assumed by the two division engineers of the latter-referenced divisions.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that the salary of the Division Engineer of the Bridge and Highway Division be established at a sum not to exceed $7,700 per year. I submit an amendment to section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, and respectfully request that your honor submit this amendment to the City Council for appropriate action.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning the Salaries of Engineers in Charge of the Divisions of the Public Works Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as amended by chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended in the clause establishing the salaries of engineers in charge of divisions of the public works department by striking out the words "the engineer in charge of the water division, not more than seventy-seven hundred dollars," and inserting in place thereof the word "the engineer in charge of the water division and the engineer in charge of the bridge and highway division, each not more than seventy-seven hundred dollars."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $38,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget extimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as

it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $38,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars ($38,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION FOR POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The City of Boston is perhaps the only large city in the nation without a comprehensive position classification and pay plan for its more than fifteen thousand employees. The personal service item in the city budget amounts to 53.2 per cent of the total budget. Under the present Ordinances, every officer in charge of a department employs and fixes the compensation of all subordinates in his department, with the approval of the Mayor. Each department acting independently in establishing its own departmental classification and compensation plans over the years and without the guidance of a general plan has resulted in the creation of inequalities and wide variations in compensation for positions with comparable duties and responsibilities.

It is generally agreed that personnel classifications and salary standardization are absolutely essential to sound procedure. The interests of both the city and the worker dictate some grouping of positions on the basis of functions and responsibilities. Like the position classification upon which it depends, the pay plan is a structural blueprint of the whole service but indicating the relationships between classes and positions in terms of pay differentials. In the absence of a classification system, wage policy bears no direct relationship to the job as such. Salaries come to depend upon personalized judgments of an individual employee's duties and value to the service.

One of the recommendations contained in the report on the financial administration of the city submitted by the Boston Finance Commission was the establishment of a classification and compensation plan for city employees. The committee appointed by me to review and analyze the recommendations contained in these survey reports unanimously recommended that immediate steps be taken which will lead to the establishment of a position classification and pay plan for the City of Boston.

The committee also recommended that the services of outside technical consultants be secured for this work so that the survey can be completed in the shortest possible time. It is estimated that the outside service necessary in order to establish this plan will not exceed $50,000. There is forwarded herewith an order transferring this sum from the Reserve Fund. Consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the Appropriation for Reserve Fund, $50,000, to the Appropriation for Position Classification and Pay Plan, Establishment of, $50,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Councilor Ramsey announced that there would be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday at 11 A.M.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the comittee named, viz.:

Claims.

John G. Feller, for compensation for loss of sport shirt at City Hospital.

Hub Cash & Carry Grocery, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 167 Shawmut avenue, caused by broken water main.

John E. Kelly, for compensation for damage to property at 51 and 53 Brentwood street, caused by water flowing into premises.

Helen Kirby, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Parker Hill avenue, caused by fire truck.

Frank W. Lanza, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.

Louis L. Lunetta, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 3 Oakdale street, caused during survey by Water Division.

Margaret G. McMahon, for compensation for damage to propery at 28 Worthington street, caused by removing water shut-off.

Susan Meade, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

George Norris, for compensation for damage to property at 1136 Blue Hill avenue, caused by broken fire hydrant.

Ruth Skogstrom, for compensation for damage to property at 223 and 225 West street, during laying of sidewalk.

Cornelius L. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in ferryboat.

Dora C. Yeames, for compensation for damage to property at 66 Revere street, caused by city men repairing water pipes.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Lois E. Norris, Jordan Hall, June 10.

Helen I. Hickey, Hyde Park High School, May 20.

Boston Music School, Inc., Brown Hall, May 21.

E. Virginia Williams, Boston Opera House, June 13.

John B. Monticone, New England Mutual Hall, May 29.

Esther Lyons Ware, John Hancock Hall, May 31.

Armando Arena, Hatch Memorial Shell, June 11.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved:

Leo P. Conlan, John Andrew D'Arcy, John W. Herbert, Edward I. Hoffman, John A. Letteney, Frank J. Macchia, Michael W. Ober, Louis Richmond, Harry Smith, Leon Small, William Tatel.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR FROM CITY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of his absence from the city on official business during May 10 to May 13, inclusive.

Placed on file.

ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WELFARE OVERSEERS.

Notice was received from the Overseers of Public Welfare of election of following officers: Chairman, Henry E. Foley; Vice Chairman, Richard J. Condon; Treasurer, Spencer B. Montgomery; Secretary, William G. O'Hare.

Placed on file.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Notice was received from the Board of Examiners, Building Department, of election of John Guarino as Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. FLYNN.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of William H. Flynn, 21 Tremont street, Charlestown, as director of Collateral Loan Company, vice Peter A. Donovan.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held in its hearing room, 166 State House, on June 28, at 10 A.M., on petition of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad that the department continue in effect beyond July 15, 1950, either permanently or for a further temporary period, the increased rates and charges that became effective January 15, 1950.

Placed on file.

NOTICES FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Copies of orders of the Department of Public Utilities were received as follows:

Granting of petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for changes in elevated structure at Sullivan square.

Granting of petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for alterations in locations of tracks, Boston to Somerville, trackless trolley poles and wires, etc.

Severally placed on file.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 12, 1950.

Walter J. Malloy,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

I enclose for your information and files copy of notification prepared by me which, in effect, abolishes the Bridge and Ferry Division and the Highway Division of this department, and consolidates them into one division, to be known as the Bridge and Highway Division.

This consolidation and the establishment of the division will be effective at 12.01 A.M. on next Monday, May 15.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Public Works Department.

To Whom It May Concern:

By virtue of the power vested in me by section 33 of chapter 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 of the City of Boston, I do hereby consolidate, effective at 12.01 A.M. on Monday, May 15, 1950, the divisions in the Public Works Department known as the Bridge and Ferry Division and the Highway Division into a single division to be known as the Bridge and Highway Division.

All positions in both the Bridge and Ferry Division and in the Highway Division are hereby transferred to the Bridge and Highway Division without change of rank, salary, or duties; except that, the position of Division Engineer in the Highway Division having been abolished, the Division Engineer in the Bridge and Ferry Division who is hereby transferred to the Bridge and Highway Division shall, as Division Engineer of the Bridge and Highway Division, perform the duties of the former positions of Division Engineer in the Highway Division and of Division Engineer in the Bridge and Ferry Division.

All employees of both the Bridge and Ferry Division and the Highway Division are hereby transferred to the Bridge and Highway Division without impairment of their civil service rights, if any, or of their retirement, seniority, vacation, overtime, holiday leaves, and sick leave rights.

GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

DIVISION ENGINEER, HIGHWAY DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of the Public Works Department giving notice that the position of Division Engineer in the Highway Division of the Public Works Department was abolished.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 27) re transfer of land on West First street from Board of Real Estate Commissioners to Public Works Department—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

REOPENING OF MURPHY GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Whereas, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson recently greeted the visiting Japanese delegation with open arms and subsequently closed the Murphy General Hospital in Waltham to the needs of veterans of World War II; therefore be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately contact the members of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress and urge upon them the necessity for reopening the Murphy General Hospital for the further treatment of these veterans.

On motion of Councilor Linehan it was voted to amend the order by striking out the words "greeted the visiting Japanese delegation with open arms and subsequently."

The order as amended was passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VIADUCT TO LONG ISLAND.

On motion of Councilor Linehan, the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 1. on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $600,000 for construction of a viaduct to Long Island.

On May 1, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 1) of Edward A. Hanson as constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred April 24) of James A. Hickey as constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 1) of Philip Adelman as Weigher of Coal and Arthur D. Higgins as Weigher of Goods, for terms ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 8) of James J. Durkan as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and Farin. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 18, and the appointments were confirmed.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Councilor Ramsey announced that there would be a meeting of the Committee on Ordinances on Friday at 11 A.M. on the subject of the new division of the Public Works Department and the consolidation of the Health Department.

BARRY FIELD REHABILITATION.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to send to the City Council an appropriation order sufficient in sum to rehabilitate in whole the Barry Field at Medford and Chelsea streets, in Ward 2, Charlestown, so that work may be started, if possible, this year and completed in time for the season of 1951.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEWIS STREET RESURFACING.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Lewis street, in the North End section of Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT AT JAY AND EAST FIFTH STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Jay and East Fifth streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TAKING OF CALF PASTURE SITE FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. LINEHAN and HANNON offered the following:

Whereas, The temporary houses for veterans at Camp McKay are to be razed in a few years, or sooner, also other temporary housing locations in Boston, whose tenants have very little housing to go to now in the event that these temporary units are razed; and

Whereas, The so-called Calf Pasture site is one of the few large sites which could be used for the erection of veterans' housing, and, if said permanent housing were constructed under chapter 372 on said Calf Pasture site, it would facilitate the transfer of many of the veterans and their families from the temporary housing units to permanently constructed houses; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take the Calf Pasture site, adjacent to the new Boston College High School site, for the purpose of constructing two-family or row houses for veterans and their families, under chapter 372, which now has ten million dollars available for said purpose; and be it further

Ordered, That a copy of this order be forwarded to Chairman Frederick W. Roche of the State Housing Board.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REDEVELOPMENT OF FORT POINT CHANNEL AND SOUTH BAY.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled this date, go on record as favoring the proposal of the Boston Port Authority concerning the redevelopment of Fort Point Channel and the South Bay to provide sites for a huge market terminal, off-street parking facilities, a union bus terminal, a municipal stadium. Such projects represent sound, long-range planning which is for the best interest of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF CHENEY AND HUTCHINGS STREETS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair or resurface Cheney street and Hutchings street in Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR LOSS BY THEFT.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 382 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Reimburse Certain Employees for Loss Resulting from a Certain Theft," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS AS RESULT OF RECENT TESTS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Boston Finance Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the streets and sidewalks which they have dug up in connection with their recent tests in order to prevent damage suits against the city for personal injuries and damage to property.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY

Coun. RAMSEY, BEADES, and SHANLEY offered the following:

Whereas, Children of juvenile age compete with handmade vehicles for prizes in the Soap Box Derby, which provides amusement for these children and keeps them out of any possible mischief for a period of approximately two to three months; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency of the Boston City Council highly commends the Chevrolet Automobile Company

and the Boston "Herald-Traveler" for the fine work they are doing on behalf of the children in conducting the Soap Box Derby, which is an annual event.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

INSPECTION OF WATER HYDRANTS, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inspect all the water hydrants in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF ARNOLD ARBORETUM GATE IN HONOR OF EDWARD P. FULTON.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the gate to the Arnold Arboretum on the Arborway, Jamaica Plain, in honor of Sergt. Edward P. Fulton, who served with the 318th Infantry, 80th Division, U. S. Army, under General George Patton, and who was killed in action at Busdorf, Germany, on February 12, 1945.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF PINEWOOD STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Pinewood street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF BEECH STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Beech street, from Washington street to Asheville road, Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM A. REILLY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming of the square at the intersection of Cambridge street and Soldiers Field road, in Ward 22, in honor of Pfc. William A. Reilly, Company B, 255th Regiment, 63d Division, United States Army, who was killed in action on February 16, 1945, in France.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROGERS PARK TENNIS COURTS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface the tennis courts at Rogers Park in Brighton, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.29 P.M., on motion of Councilor Cook, to meet on Monday, May 22, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 22, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Councilor Wenzler, Senior Member, in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Kinsella.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

Daniel P. Blake, 9 Sherwood street, Roslindale, Mass., as Weigher of Goods and Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the enforcing the regulations barring motor vehicle traffic in the various roadways in Franklin Park.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated May 8, requesting that the regulations be enforced of barring motor vehicle traffic in the various roadways in Franklin Park.

We have signs placed at all the various roadways in Franklin Park in order that these areas will be barred to motor vehicles, and we have had it reported to us from time to time that vehicles do run over these roads where they are not allowed to operate.

We do all we can to stop it but it really is a Police Department matter. I notice from the order that you have written the Police Commissioner. I am sure he will give this matter his prompt attention.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM AND COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the repairing of the wooden seats of the South Boston stadium and to cover the run down cinder track with loam so that baseball players shall not be sustaining injuries by reason of twisting their ankles on said cinders; and that the soft ball and hard ball diamonds along with proper backstops be laid out and constructed on Columbus Park.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated May 8:

"Ordered, That the Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the wooden seats of the South Boston stadium and to cover the run down cinder track with loam so that baseball players shall not be sustaining injuries by reason of twisting their ankles on said cinders; and be it further

"Ordered, That the soft ball and hard ball diamonds along with proper backstops be laid out and constructed on Columbus Park."

I am taking steps to have the conditions corrected, which according to Councilor Linehan exist at Columbus Park.

In fact, we have been rehabilitating this area for the last few weeks.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ROGERS PARK TENNIS COURTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Rogers Park in Brighton, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 19, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 15, requesting the Park Commission to resurface the tennis courts at Rogers Park in Brighton, Ward 22.

I am having an immediate investigation made by the Chief Engineer, as to the advisability of having this work done.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

AMOUNT ACCRUED IN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Boston Retirement Board relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the possibility of notifying the members of the Retirement System as to the amount accrued to the individual member of said system and to determine also the possibility of making such announcements by July 1 of 1950.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Boston Retirement Board,
May 18, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

The Retirement Board is in receipt of an order of the City Council relative to the possibility of notifying each member of the several retirement systems on or before July 1, 1950, of the accrued amount of his contributions.

Up to January 1, 1946, it has been the practice of the Board to furnish such information annually. However, since that date the new State-Boston System was established and three periods of interchange of membership among the various systems

have been provided. For more than three years and a half the contributions of most of the employees have fluctuated for some portion of the time between 4 and 5 per cent per annum, and the interest credited has varied between 4 per cent and 2½ per cent.

Until the membership is definitely settled, it is useless to attempt to complete accurately the calculations required for the separate accounts of the 18,000 members of the system, and a further element of delay is involved by the requirement that the individual accounts be verified by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth.

Under these conditions, it is obviously impossible to comply with the request contained in the City Council order.

The Board hopes to be in a position to furnish each member of the systems with a statement of his account as of January 1, 1951, sometime during that year, and, in the meantime, a member who requires the information for some particular reason may obtain an approximate figure by applying at the Retirement Board Office.

Respectfully,
W. D. Kenney,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS AT HOMES AVENUE AND TOPLIFF STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 17, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop" sign at the intersection of Homes avenue and Topliff street, in Ward 15.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Boston Traffic Commission, May 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

As a result of a Council order dated April 17, 1950, requesting the installation of a "Stop" sign at the intersection of Homes avenue and Topliff street in Ward 15, in the opinion of our engineers a "Stop" sign would lead to other more serious problems in this location and we have taken the liberty of substituting "Slow" signs for this intersection in order to improve the safety conditions in this area.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGN ON RUTHVEN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the placing of a "Slow" sign on Ruthven street, about 100 feet from the intersection of Pleasanton street.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Boston Traffic Commission, May 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I have issued orders to erect a "Slow" sign in Ruthven street about 100 feet from the intersection of Pleasanton street, in accordance with request in Council order of May 8, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CLEVELAND STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Cleveland street, Hyde Park, and installing sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Office of the Mayor.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 1:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Cleveland street, Hyde Park, and install sidewalks thereon."

I shall have a survey made to determine the necessity of resurfacing the above-referenced street, and also concerning the advisability of installing sidewalks.

If the results of the survey are in the affirmative, you may be assured that this work will be included in this year's street program, to the extent of the availability of appropriations.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER DIVISION YARD, WARD 2.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the establishment of a Sewer Division yard in Charlestown, Ward 2, Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 1:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the establishment of a Sewer Division yard in Charlestown, Ward 2, Boston."

It is my intention to take up this matter with his Honor in the near future, and you may be assured that the subject matter of the above-referenced order will receive careful consideration.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF MARSH STREET, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the construction of Marsh street, in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works construct Marsh street in Ward 16, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street, and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ALLEGHANY STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the installation of new sidewalks and street on Alleghany street in Roxbury, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install new sidewalks and street on Alleghany street in Roxbury, Ward 10, and this will advise you that the part of Alleghany street, from Terrace to Parker streets, is a public way and a survey will be made of this street and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Alleghany street, from Parker street to 692 feet west of Parker street is a private way, and will have to be laid out and accepted by the Board of Street Commissioners, Room 401, City Hall Annex, Boston, before any work can be performed therein by this department.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS ON I STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the installation of granolithic sidewalks on I street, from East Sixth street to Columbia road, Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install granolithic sidewalks on I street, from East Sixth street to Columbia road, Ward 7, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street and it will be placed on the list of sidewalk work to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REBUILDING OF TAYLOR STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the rebuilding of Taylor street in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works rebuild Taylor street in Ward 16, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF BOARDWALK BY DEMATTEO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Martin DeMatteo, Jr., vice president of the M. DeMatteo Construction Company, relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the construction of a board sidewalk between Sever street and Main street, Charlestown.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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M. DeMatteo Construction Company,
General Contractors,
200 Hancock Street, Quincy, Mass.,
May 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to your letter of May 3, 1950, requesting a boardwalk between Sever street and Main street, Charlestown, I wish to inform you that I have taken this matter up with the state and something will be done for the pedestrian traffic.

I wish to beg your pardon for not replying at an earlier date, but, unfortunately, I was out of town when your letter was received by our office.

Very truly yours,
M. DeMatteo Construction Company,
by MARTIN DEMATTEO, JR.,
Vice President.

Placed on file.

FEES FOR LOADING ZONE PERMITS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is a self-explanatory letter received by me this day from the Chairman of the Boston Traffic Commission concerning the fees for loading zone permits. The increased costs mentioned in the letter would appear to justify the proposed increase in fees. I therefore recommend to your Honorable Body the immediate adoption of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
May 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 27, 1950, it was voted, subject to the approval of your Honor and the City Council, to increase the fees charged for the establishment of loading zones from the present fee of 50 cents per linear foot to $1 per linear foot and to increase the present minimum fee of $10 to a new minimum fee of $20.

The present fees were established in 1935 and were based on the then prevailing costs of materials and labor. The cost of the paint used to enunciate loading zones has increased from $1.90 a gallon in 1935 to $3.75 a gallon at present; the cost of paint brushes has increased approximately 100 per cent; and the cost of labor, due to salary increases, has increased 66⅔ per cent. Furthermore, because the yellow paint on the curb cannot be seen by motorists during several months of the winter season, it is intended, if the new requested fees are adopted, to supplement the curb painting with a permanent-type sign at each end of the zones where such installation is found to be necessary. The cost of installing such signs would be approximately $14.50 for each loading zone.

It is therefore respectfully requested that your Honor recommend to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance increasing loading zone permit fees as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Loading Zone Permits.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 22 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1950, is hereby further amended by adding after clause 26 the following new clause:

27. The fee for a permit for a loading zone, so called, issued under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 263 of the acts of 1929 shall be computed at the rate of one dollar for each foot of curbing abutting on said zone, but in no event less than twenty dollars.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

ORDINANCE RE STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 provides, in section 1, among other things, that the Street Laying-Out Department "shall have the care and maintenance of all land and buildings belonging to the city and not used for specific purposes, and shall keep a record thereof; may, with the approval of the mayor, let such land for a term not exceeding one year; and, when authorized by the City Council, with the approval of the mayor, may sell any land or buildings in their charge." Section 2 of said chapter 33 further provides that "Nothing contained in section one of this chapter shall apply to any real estate sold to or taken by the city for non-payment of taxes or assessments, the right to redeem which has been foreclosed."

By chapter 318 of the Acts of 1950 the Board of Real Estate Commissioners of the City of Boston has been given jurisdiction of "all real estate of the city not held for a specific purpose irrespective of the manner or time of acquisition of such real estate." The above-quoted provisions of chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 have thus become obsolete and should be repealed. I therefore recommend to your Honorable Body the immediate adoption of the ordinance transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning the Street Laying-Out Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section: *Section 1.* The street laying out department shall be under the charge of a board of three commissioners, who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties provided by statute.

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said chapter 33 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This ordinance shall take effect as of the effective date of chapter 318 of the acts of 1950.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

VISIT BY MAYOR STANWELL OF BOSTON, ENGLAND.

At this point the Council was paid a visit by His Worship Hon. Eric C. Stanwell, Mayor of Boston, England, who delivered a brief address to the City Council.

APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING METERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order providing for the appropriation of $180,000 from the balance available in Parking Meter Fees, this amount to be expended by the Boston Traffic Commission for the purchase of additional parking meters. This action is taken in conformity with a recent vote of the full membership of the commission to acquire three thousand additional meters. As indicated in the attached communication, surveys have been made to determine the locations where these additional meters may be installed. In view of the fact there is a balance available in the Parking Meter Fees fund to cover estimated cost of the additional meters, I feel it desirable to utilize this balance. It should be possible under this procedure to secure a better price for the meters than was secured under the previous arrangements whereby monthly payments of one half of the meter fees collected were made to the meter companies. I respectfully recommend immediate consideration and action on the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
May 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting held May 4, 1950, attended by the full membership of the Boston Traffic Commission, it was unanimously voted to acquire 3,000 additional parking meters.

The engineers of this commission have made a thorough survey of the city to establish the streets wherein the installations of parking meters would assist in the orderly control of the movement of traffic and the parking of vehicles. The engineers' report shows that there are suitable locations for approximately 3,800 additional meters.

Chapter 442 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1947 provides "that the city of Boston, for the purpose of enforcing the rules and regulations adopted by the Boston Traffic Commission under chapter two hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, may appropriate money for the acquisition, installation, maintenance and operation of parking meters."

In accordance with the directive of the full membership of this commission I respectfully request that you initiate the establishment of an appropriation to be expended for the acquisition of 3,000 additional parking meters.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of $18,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from Parking Meter

Fees to be expended by the Boston Traffic Commission for the acquisition and installation of parking meters.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO VARIOUS CITY AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith an order transferring the sum of $77,441.54 from the Reserve Fund to the budgets of several city and county departments to provide for actual and anticipated deficiencies as explained in the attached report of the Budget Commissioner.

Consideration and passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Budget Department, May 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

The following departments of the city will require an additional sum totaling $77,441.54 to carry on the activities of the departments for the balance of the year. It is suggested that this sum be obtained by transfer from the Reserve Fund.

Public Buildings Department	$5,000 00
Public Works Department:	
Central Office	125 00
Registry Department	2,350 00
Supply Department	1,500 00
Licensing Board	3,866 67
Public Works Department:	
Automotive Division	11,200 00
Sewer Service	13,000 00
Pensions and Annuities	18,928 00
Municipal Court, City of Boston	15,000 00
Probate Court	2,500 00
Supreme Judicial Court	3,971 87
Total	$77,441 54

There is given below a brief explanation of the need for the above additional appropriations.

Public Buildings Department, $5,000.

This sum is needed for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Assessing Department, Building Department, Bridge and Highway Division of the Public Works Department, the Auditing Department, and the Law Department.

Public Works Department, Central Office, $125.

This amount is needed to provide for service for a full year of an outside telephone connected with this office, and for two months' service on mobile radio telephone which has been discontinued.

Registry Department, $2,350.

This amount is necessary to provide for the printing of approximately 20,000 scrolls to be sent to the parents of newborn children in the City of Boston, together with the employment of an additional clerk at an annual salary of $1,700.

Supply Department, $1,500.

This sum is necessary to provide the net amount for the purchase of a new automobile. The present car, which is in a dangerous condition, is to be turned in.

Licensing Board, $3,866.67.

This amount is necessary to provide for increases in salary to the members of the Licensing Board, and the secretary, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 403 of the Acts of 1950, effective May 9, 1950.

Public Works Department, Automotive Division, $11,200.

This amount is needed to increase the efficiency of the Automotive Division of the Public Works Department, and will be used to make changes in the stockroom at the Highland Street garage, for the installation of window guards, for changes in the boiler room, the purchase of equipment to meet fire inspection requirements, cover-alls for mechanics, and for the purchase of several passenger cars for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Department, Sewer Division, $13,000.

This sum is necessary to provide for the rebuilding and relocating of a 6-foot brick sewer conduit in connection with the new Cathedral housing project.

Pensions and Annuities, $18,928.

This sum is necessary to cover payments under chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941 for members of the Boston Public School Teachers Retirement Fund who were in the military service.

Municipal Court, City of Boston, $15,000.

This sum is necessary to provide for a total of 44 salary increases granted by the justices to probation officers, court officers, secretary, and assistant secretary to the justices. These increases are authorized under the provisions of chapters 381 and 783 of the Acts of 1949.

Probate Court, $2,500.

This sum is necessary for the balance of the salaries of temporary employees in connection with the consolidation of the Probate Index from 1936 to 1947.

Supreme Judicial Court, $3,971.87.

This sum is necessary, as requested by the City Auditor, to provide for payment of fees to experts employed in this court. This is a variable item, and is very difficult to estimate.

Respectfully,
JOHN A. SULLIVAN,
Budget Commissioner.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $77,441.54, to the appropriation for

CITY MAINTENANCE.

General Government.

Public Buildings Department	
C. Equipment	$5,000.00
Public Works Department, Central Office	
B. Contractual Services	125.00
Registry Department	
A. Personal Service	850.00
D. Supplies	1,500.00
Supply Department	
C. Equipment	1,500.00

Public Safety.

Licensing Board	
A. Personal Service	866.67

Highways.

Public Works Department, Automotive Division	
B. Contractual Services	3,050.00
C. Equipment	8,150.00

Sanitation.

Public Works Department, Sewer Division	
B. Contractual Services	13,000.00

Unclassified.

Pensions and Annuities	18,928.00
Total City Maintenance	$55,969.67

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $77,441.54, to the appropriation for

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

Central Courts.

Municipal Court, City of Boston	
A. Personal Service	$15,000.00
Probate Court	
A. Personal Service	2,500.00
Supreme Judicial Court	
B. Contractual Services	3,971.87
Total County Maintenance	$21,471.87
Grand Total	$77,441.54

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF $1,700,000.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith a supplementary appropriation order in the sum of $1,700,000. The major portion of this appropriation, or $1,490,000 is necessary to provide for the increase in the expenditures for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, the case loads having increased during the first four months of this year more than was anticipated; for the rising costs of relief to veterans; for expenses in connection with providing additional beds at both the City Hospital and the Sanatorium Division for the segregation of tuberculosis patients now hospitalized at the City Hospital and to make available additional facilities for persons found to be suffering from tuberculosis in various stages as a result of the chest X-ray program recently completed; and for the care of premature infants, the cost of which has been greater than anticipated and the responsibility for which is the city's under recently enacted legislation.

The balance of the appropriation is needed by several departments of the city for services, supplies, and equipment, supplementing appropriations contained in the annual budget and necessary in view of the experience of the first four months of the current year. All of the elements in this supplementary appropriation order are explained in detail in the attached report of the Budget Commissioner.

Consideration and adoption of the accompanying appropriation order is recommended by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Budget Department, May 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The following departments require additional appropriations totaling $1,700,000 as indicated and it is suggested that a supplementary appropriation order be submitted to the City Council:

Public Welfare Department	$900,000
Department of Veterans' Services	260,000
Hospital Department	255,000
Sanatorium Division	50,000
Construction and Reconstruction of Sidewalks	60,000
Election Department	45,000
Police Department	40,000
Assessing Department	25,000
Health Department	25,000
House of Correction, Deer Island	40,000
Total	$1,700,000

There is given below a brief explanation of the need for the above supplementary appropriations:

Public Welfare Department, $900,000.

Of this sum, $650,000 is for Old Age Assistance and $250,000 for Aid to Dependent Children. The case load on Old Age Assistance during the first four months of 1950 has increased approximately 500 cases and the case load under Aid to Dependent Children during the same period has increased slightly over 200 cases. Welfare officials state that indications are that these increases in case load will continue and that the above $900,000 is necessary.

Department of Veterans' Services, $260,000.

Ten thousand dollars of this amount is necessary to provide sufficient funds for employment of necessary temporary employees.

Because of the large increase in soldiers' relief expenditures during the first quarter in 1950, it is estimated that $250,000 additional will be needed to provide sufficient funds for this purpose for the balance of the year.

Hospital Department, $255,000.

The major portion of this appropriation is necessary in order that the hospital may open up two wards for the special care of tuberculosis patients. This will necessitate, of course, the hiring of additional help and the purchase of additional supplies, materials, and equipment.

The balance is needed to supplement items, which in the light of the experience of the first four months of the current year will require these additional sums in order that the hospital may render sufficient service and care to the sick.

Sanatorium Division, $50,000.

This additional appropriation is needed to cover the cost of installing a cafeteria and making other changes to provide beds for 50 additional tuberculosis patients and also provide for the hiring of additional help and the purchase of additional equipment, materials, and supplies.

The above appropriations for the care of tuberculosis will provide facilities for 120 patients, the present number for which the Health Department is responsible. The majority of these cases were uncovered as a result of the mass chest X-ray program recently completed.

Construction and Reconstruction of Sidewalks, $60,000.

The Public Works Commissioner is of the opinion that the current budget appropriation of $50,000 is inadequate to repair existing sidewalks that are in a defective condition and that this additional appropriation is necessary.

Election Department, $45,000.

This sum is necessary to provide sufficient funds for the employment of temporary election officials because of the two election functions this year.

Police Department, $40,000.

Thirty thousand of this sum is necessary to rectify a miscalculation in the annual budget appropriations for the Police Department. The balance of $10,000 is needed to strengthen the Contractual item for the typing and mailing of parking violation notices.

Assessing Department, $25,000.

It now appears that the previous appropriation for temporary employees necessary to complete personal property, motor excise and real estate tax bills, will be insufficient and that this additional sum is necessary.

Health Department, $25,000.

This sum is necessary to provide for the care of premature infants which responsibility devolves upon the Health Department because of legislation. Since the beginning of the year the bills for the care of premature infants have been greater than previously estimated. Therefore, this additional sum is necessary.

House of Correction, $40,000.

This sum is necessary to replace machinery in the Shoe Shop and the Tailor Shop at Deer Island which were destroyed by fire last October. The cost of this machinery was not known at the time the annual budget was submitted this year.

Respectfully yours,
John A. Sullivan,
Budget Commissioner.

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Ordered, That the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and hereby are, appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter specified, said sums to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council, relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

City Maintenance.

General Government.

Assessing Department	
A. Personal Service	$25,000
Election Department	
A. Personal Service	45,000
	$70,000

Public Safety.

Police Department	
B. Contractual Services	$25,000
C. Equipment	5,000
D. Supplies	10,000
	$40,000

Highways.

Sidewalks, Construction of	$60,000

Health.

Health Department	
B. Contractual Services	$25,000
Hospital Department	
A. Personal Service	$155,000
B. Contractual Services	7,000
C. Equipment	47,000
D. Supplies	44,000
E. Materials	2,000
	$255,000
Sanatorium Division	
A. Personal Service	$15,000
C. Equipment	5,000
D. Supplies	20,000
	$40,000
Installations, Alterations and Repairs	$10,000

Public Welfare.

Public Welfare Department, Central Office	
F. Special Items	$900,000
Department of Veterans' Services	
A. Personal Service	$10,000
F. Special Items	250,000
	$260,000
Total City Maintenance	$1,660,000

County Maintenance.

Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction	
F. Special Items	$40,000
Grand Total	$1,700,000

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SALE OF LAND ON WEEKS STREET, WEST ROXBURY.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell the Council voted to take up No. 1 on the Calendar, under unfinished business, viz.:

1. Order for sale of land on Weeks street, West Roxbury, to Mary S. Kirkland for $350.

On May 8, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Caroline Bauer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Perkins street and South Huntington avenue.

Checker Taxi Company, for compensation for damage to cab caused by fire apparatus.

Charles Freeman, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Michael J. Griffin, for compensation for injuries caused by hole in sidewalk at 87 Welles avenue.

Agatha J. Henzler, for refund on license fee to operate pinball machine at 533 Washington street, Brighton.

Astrid Jorgensen, for compensation for damage to clothing by city employees.

Martin J. McDonnell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Frank Rogers, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Dorothy Russell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Traverse and Portland streets.

Sixty-eight Devonshire Company, for compensation for damage to property at 68 Devonshire street, by break in water main.

Joseph Sorhello, for compensation for damage to car caused by police wagon.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Arborway Bowlaway by James V. Marcantonio, 1 Boynton street, Jamaica Plain, Ward 11, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Viola K. Breiding, John Hancock Hall, June 12.

Ruth M. McShane, South Boston Municipal Building, June 22.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council:

Samuel C. Baker, Roland W. Golden, James A. Hickey, Norman M. Menzies, Jr., Louis H. Oppenheim, Louis B. Ransom, Jacob B. Rosenthal, Rudolph L. Trent.

EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CUSTODIANS FROM 40-HOUR LAW.

The following was received:

School Committee, City of Boston,
May 19, 1950.

To the Honorable the City Council.

Under date of October 4, 1948, the School Committee requested that your Honorable Body adopt an order exempting the public school custodians from the operation of General Laws, chapter 149, section 33 (a), as amended by Statute 1948, chapter 657.

At the conference of the School Committee held on May 4, 1950, a committee of the Building Custodians' Union, Local 900, appeared and requested that the letter to the City Council from the School Committee, seeking exemption on the part of the custodians from the 40-hour law, be withdrawn.

The proposition was duly considered by the School Committee and it was agreed that the School Committee notify the City Council that it would like the Council to vote "No" on the question of whether custodians should be exempted from the 40-hour law, the effective date of change to be within the discretion of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes E. Reynolds,
Assistant Secretary.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room, 166 State House, on Friday, June 9, at 9.30 A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for permit to operate trackless trolleys from Somerville-Boston line around Sullivan square.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of $303.78 by Boston Housing Authority to correct deficiency of hot water supply at Arborway veterans' (372) housing project.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of alteration of location of Frankfort street, section of state highway laid out in Boston in 1948, accompanied by plan of same.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices of appointments by the Mayor were received as follows:

Harold Flemming, 29 Ridgeview avenue, Mattapan, Chairman of Statistics Department, for term ending April 30, 1954, vice Albert E. Desaulniers.

Albert E. Desaulniers, 44 Grampian Way, Dorchester, Deputy Commissioner of Penal Institutions, vice John J. Shields.

Severally placed on file.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on veto message of Mayor (referred May 15) vetoing ordinances re licensing of shows and opening of drive-in theaters — recommending that same be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the veto message was placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred May 15) setting salary of Division Engineer of Bridge and Highway Division at $7,700 per year—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Councilor Ramsey the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 15) for appropriation of $38,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of Park Commissioner—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred March 13) appropriating $100,000 from Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended for purpose of acquiring lands for establishment of incinerators and dumps—recommending reference of the order to the Executive Committee.

The report was accepted, and the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Coun. YERXA, for the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred May 8) that custody and control of city-owned land on Wallingford road and Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 21, formerly used as city paving yard, be transferred to Park Department for playground purposes—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of David J. Kehoe (referred May 8) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred one dollars ($401) be allowed and paid to David J. Kehoe in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Paul F. Foley (referred May 8) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor ambulance belonging to Boston City Hospital—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) be allowed and paid to Paul F. Foley in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor ambulance belonging to the Boston City Hospital, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Norman L. Mayer (referred May 8) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department, which struck one Mrs. Rose C. Lewis on July 2, 1947, causing fatal injuries—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500) be allowed and paid to Norman L. Mayer in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

PAYMENT TO LUCIUS BANKS.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to authorize the city to pay a sum of money to Lucius Banks in payment of a portion of his wages lost during his suspension from the Police Department from 1926 to 1932; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO DOROTHY C. FOLEY.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to authorize the retirement of Dorothy C. Foley, a school teacher of the City of Boston, at two-thirds pay, on account of accidental disability received in the performance of her duty; provided, that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

RETAINING WALL ON JEREMIAH CLANCY STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put a retaining wall along the new road, namely, Jeremiah Clancy street. This wall should be put in where the new park is in

tbe process of being built. Stones, soil and debris are rolling down into the park where the road has been put in.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WASHINGTON AND PARK STREETS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner. be requested, through his Honor tbe Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Washington and Park streets, in Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBER OF LAW DEPARTMENT TO COUNCIL.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Corporation Counsel to assign a member of his staff for tbe sole purpose of representing and serving tbe Boston City Council.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

RESURFACING OF HILL TOP STREET.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through bis Honor the Mayor, to resurface Hill Top street in Ward 16.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LADDER TRUCK AT FIREHOUSE ON WALNUT STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reassign a ladder truck to the firehouse at 32 Walnut street, Ward 16, which, at present, houses Engine 20, and formerly had a ladder truck.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

INSPECTION OF ALL WATER HYDRANTS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inspect all water hydrants throughout the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS NEAR BLUE HILL AVENUE SYNAGOGUE.

Coun. COOK and ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signal lights near the Blue Hill Avenue synagogue, between Devon and Brunswick streets, in Wards 12 and 14.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 13 STREETS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to resurface the following streets in Ward 13: Magnolia street, Rowell street, Bakersfield street, Arion street, Sargent street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION RE CONTEMPLATED HOUSING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Autbority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the School Committee and Park Commission of any contemplated construction of housing projects in the various sections of tbe city so that the School Committee may provide adequate school facilities.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

HOUSING PROJECTS ON CERTAIN WARD 6 SITES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of constructing housing projects on the vacant land from 389 to 399 West Second street and from 384 to 390 West Second street, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on the block bounded by East Sixth street, P street, Farragut road, and Columbia road, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

RADIO HEADPHONES FOR CONVALESCING PATIENTS, CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install radio facilities of the headphone type for the convalescing patients at said hospital.
This type of practical comfort and of mental therapeutic value is part of the eminently successful routine now available in all our outstanding veterans' hospitals.
Needless to say, in these days wben we often find sizable sums expended for the recreation and entertainment of our physically well citizens, we should find the necessary funds to aid and comfort our sick and injured hospitalized fellow Bostonians.
Those of us who have experienced the long, empty hours of hospital convalescences fully realize the boon of keeping in daily contact witb the outside world, through the medium of radio.
Boston sbould, without delay, come abreast of the modern outlook in tbis phase of hospital administration, a practice now prevalent in the finest private and public hospitals tbroughout the large cities of the nations.
Let it not be said that we have overlooked any comfort or convenience that will assist or aid our Boston hospital population.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION RE CONTRACTS FOR PATCH PAVING.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with the names of the contractors who have been granted contracts without being publicly advertised in the so-called "schedule for the patch paving of roadway and sidewalk areas in 1950 under the supervision of the Public Works Department," and that the following questions be further answered: (a) if said contractors' place of business is in the City of Boston; (b) if said contractors have had business with the City of Boston before; (c) by what means were said contractors selected to do this work.
Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, June 5, 1950, at 2 P.M.

INFORMATION FROM CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS RE EGRESS LAWS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the following department heads be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council on June 5, 1950, to explain the Egress Laws pertaining to one-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, and also rooming and lodging houses:

Commissioner of Building Department, Supervisor of the Egress Division of the Building Department, Corporation Counsel.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEGRAM FROM EUGENE GREENHUT.

Coun. LINEHAN submitted the following:

May 22, 1950.

Hon. Thomas E. Linehan, Chairman Housing Committee, City Council, City Hall, Boston.

ON MAY FOURTH YOUR HONORABLE BODY POSTPONED THE HEARING BEING HELD ON OUR PROPOSAL SO AS TO ENABLE US TO PREPARE ANSWERS TO THE ELEVEN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE PROPOSED HEARING BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE FIRST, SO THAT WE MAY SUBMIT OUR ANSWERS.

Eugene Greenhut, President,
Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

Placed on file.

CONTINUED HEARING TO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Coun. LINEHAN and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Public Housing hold an open hearing in the Council Chamber at 11 A.M., Thursday, June 1, 1950, relative to submission of answers by the Urban Redevelopment Corporation to the questions put to it by the members of the Boston Housing Authority in regard to the use of the Calf Pasture site for a housing development.

That all interested parties be invited to attend the said hearing.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONTINUATION OF TWO MAIL DELIVERIES IN BOSTON.

Coun. SHANLEY, for Councilor Coffey, offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Massachusetts delegation of Congress in regard to persuading the Postmaster General to keep two mail deliveries in all wards of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Washington street, from Faneuil street and Nonantum street to Burton street in Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Elizabeth Hendrickson (referred February 27) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Guy H. Hendrickson, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Elizabeth Hendrickson, widow of Guy H. Hendrickson, a member of the Fire Department, who died on February 12, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried, to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report on petition of Alice M. Sharp (referred December 20, 1948) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Edmund J. Sharp, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of fourteen hundred and sixty dollars be allowed and paid to Alice M. Sharp, widow of Edmund J. Sharp, a member of the Fire Department, who died on October 14, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Alice M. Sharp, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,200 per annum.

For the following-named child during such time as she is physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 per annum: Marie Regina Sharp, born May 18, 1930; provided, however, that if the widow remarries, the annuity for the said child shall be $520, during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of the order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

ROPING OFF STREETS, CADETS PARADE.

Coun. CHASE and YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off streets for the Annual School Cadets Parade which will be held Wednesday, May 24, 1950, at 10.30 A.M., expenses to be charged to appropriations for Ropes, Flags, and Stakes.

Route of parade: Starting at Commonwealth avenue and Gloucester street, down Commonwealth avenue to Berkeley street, to Boylston street, to Copley square, to buses on Huntington avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. SHANLEY in the chair.

OPINION RE POWERS DELEGATED BY COUNCIL TO SPECIFIC COMMISSIONER.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Corporation Counsel to render a written opinion concerning the scope of section 33, chapter 27 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Boston, with specific reference to the powers delegated by the City Council to the individual commissioner; also with specific reference as to whether or not the commissioner could create new divisions in his department without consulting the Mayor and the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGALITY OF REORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Corporation Counsel to render an opinion concerning the legality of the recent

reorganization of the Public Works Department, whereby the Bridge and Ferry Division was consolidated with the Highway Division, without referring the matter to the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 15) of Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951:

Matthew J. Doyle, 2 Warner road, East Milton; James W. Urquhart, 15 Brent street, Dorchester; Henry M. Dolan, 320 Central avenue, Milton; Robert H. Howett, 392 Norfolk street, Dorchester; Peter N. Nearhos, 23 Jason street, Arlington; John S. Lentz, 148 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Thomas V. Curley, 86 Butler street, Dorchester — recommending that appointments be approved.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Farin and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 13, nays 3, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell the Council voted to take a recess at 4.05 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HURLEY at 5.43 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from School Committee (referred today) re adoption of order exempting public school custodians from 40-hour work week, requesting that Council vote "No" on question of exemption — that no action is necessary.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred October 5, 1948), to waive 40-hour week for public school custodians — that no action is necessary.

The reports were accepted.

2. Report on ordinance (referred today) establishing salary of Division Engineer of Bridge and Highway Division at $7,700 per year — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

BEAN POT AS BOSTON'S EMBLEM.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Whereas, The sacred Cod has long been accepted as an emblem significant of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, The community spirit of the citizens of Boston has been so recently demonstrated on the hallowed Boston Common, where tens of thousands of persons sat down to a Jubilee Community Dinner of "world-famed" Boston baked beans, witnessed by many thousands unable to participate because of lack of space and overflow preparations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desire to designate and confirm as the emblem of Boston The Boston Bean Pot; and be it further

Resolved, That a replica of this Boston Bean Pot be placed in a conspicuous niche in the City Council Chamber of the Boston City Council.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, the Council adjourned at 5.46 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 5, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 5, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Kinsella.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

Coun. RAMSEY in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 3, 1950:

Morris R. Albert, Ward 2; John J. Callahan, Ward 2; Anthony D. Cardalisco, Ward 3; Michael J. Rodzys, Ward 3; Charles L. Hammond, Ward 5; George Machain, Ward 5; Gerard E. O'Leary, Ward 6; M. Joseph Murray, Ward 10; Bruno P. Bimmler, Ward 13; Leo J. Charron, Ward 13; Joseph L. P. Dugas, Ward 13; Andrew J. Sullivan, Ward 13; Alfred T. Braveman, Ward 14; William Cohen, Ward 14; Thomas Shaw, Ward 16; Bertram S. Rosen, Ward 17; Thomas Aitchison, Ward 18; Harry J. Boinay, Ward 19; Anthony Catino, Ward 19; Edward T. Buckley, Ward 22; Arthur Motroni, Ward 22; Harry W. Robinson, Ward 22.

Fifty-three traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 3, 1950:

Antonio DiTomasso, Ward 1; John Faher, Ward 1; James McVey, Ward 1; George M. O'Brien, Ward 1; Richard H. Rose, Ward 2; David Jacobson, Ward 3; Ralph Restucci, Ward 3; George John Panis, Ward 4; Francis T. Smith, Ward 5; Francis J. Aldred, Ward 6; James W. Ambrose, Ward 6; Frank Difert, Ward 6; Stanley Romikaitis, Ward 6; Thomas J. Kelly, Ward 7; William J. Kiely, Ward 7; William J. Merrick, Ward 8; Thomas J. Roe, Ward 8; William M. Moore, Ward 9; Soter T. Terpatsi, Ward 10; Charles W. Farrell, Ward 11; James F. Kelley, Ward 11; George Murphy, Ward 11; William F. Shaw, Ward 11; Arthur J. Wilson, Jr., Ward 11.

Thomas J. Donovan, Ward 13; John M. Dunphy, Ward 13; Benjamin Alter, Ward 14; T. Frank Kelley, Ward 14; Samuel Motel, Ward 14; Douglas B. Sutherland, Ward 16; David A. Barron, Ward 17; Carl E. Carlson, Ward 17; John J. Crowley, Ward 17; William Sutherland, Ward 17; Joseph F. Burns, Ward 18; John W. Massey, Ward 18; George Morton, Ward 18; Joseph F. Neas, Jr., Ward 18; Paul A. Russo, Ward 18; J. Grover Tolland, Ward 18; Robert H. Blackwell, Ward 19; Frank E. McMurrough, Ward 19; James J. Mooney, Ward 20; Robert P. Parry, Ward 20; James C. Smith, Ward 20; Bertram W. Bernhardt, Ward 21; Edward A. Divino, Ward 21; Robert Grange, Ward 21; J. Joseph Healy, Ward 21; William T. Reilly, Ward 21; Leo V. Maloney, Ward 22; David O'Keefe, Jr., Ward 22; Thomas Simar, Ward 22.

VETO OF ORDER TRANSFERRING LAND ON WALLINGFORD ROAD AND CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, disapproved, the order passed by your Honorable Body on May 22, 1950, for the purpose of transferring to the Park Department for playground purposes "the city-owned land on Wallingford road and Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 21, formerly used as a city paving yard."

My objections thereto are that the order, which is designed to license the entry by members of the public upon land to which only municipal officers and employees have hitherto had access, would, if allowed to take effect in its present form, be likely to raise legal problems because the estate involved is described in vague, general terms rather than with the technical conveyancing precision necessary to insure the definitive establishment of rights.

Furthermore, even if the order were in proper form, its wisdom might well be doubted; for the estate involved is in close proximity to several other estates devoted to park and playground uses.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951: Robert F. Driscoll, 842 Washington street, Dorchester; Walter T. Cahill, 49 Burhank street, Boston; Dominic J. Colassi, 35 Redlands road, West Roxbury.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBER OF LAW DEPARTMENT TO COUNCIL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning assigning a member of his staff for the sole purpose of representing and serving the Boston City Council.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, May 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Recently your Honor transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council on May 22, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Corporation Counsel to assign a member of his staff for the sole purpose of representing and serving the Boston City Council."

As your Honor knows, not only is the subject of municipal law a field by itself, but the various branches thereof are themselves specialties. Thus, an attorney highly skilled in tax title law cannot be expected to have intimate knowledge of the intricacies of the Boston Building Code; and an attorney well acquainted with the Boston Building Code cannot be expected to be an expert on civil service law. Ever since I have been Corporation Counsel, I have endeavored to cope with this situation by assigning, so far as practicable, each particular matter to the assistant having the greatest knowledge of the subject involved. Accordingly, it has not been unusual for me to have one assistant consulting with the Public Works Commissioner concerning driveway permits, another concerning civil service matters, and yet a third concerning dumping rights. On important matters, there have often been consultations of several assistants with the resultant pooling of their composite knowledge.

The questions posed by the City Council relate to all kinds of subjects. If, in accordance with the request contained in the above-quoted order, a single individual were assigned to the City Council, he could not be expected to have more than a general knowledge of the law applicable to the various questions arising; and the City Council would be deprived of the expert service which I have been trying to give to all city officials. In my opinion, this would be a distinct disservice to the City Council. Therefore, I

respectfully beg to be excused from complying with the request contained in the above-quoted order of the City Council.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

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INFORMATION RE EGRESS LAWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Building Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the explaining of the egress laws pertaining to one-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, and also rooming and lodging houses.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Building Department, June 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In answer to the order of the City Council dated May 22, 1950, I submit to your Honor a brief outline of the laws regarding egress which are now in force in the City of Boston and of the regulations and methods of procedure by which these laws are implemented.

THE LAW.

(1) The Building Code of the City of Boston, particularly sections 108, 116d, and all of Part 18. I wish to point out that this law was accepted by the Boston City Council after amendment by that Body, and became effective on May 17, 1943.

(2) Chapter 143, General Laws of the Commonwealth, particularly sections 15, 21, 27, 28, 29, and 49.

Section 3 of this chapter provid s that any city or town may pass laws or ordinances in excess of the requirements contained in chapter 143, but that no city or town may minimize, avoid, or repeal any of the provisions of said chapter.

The effect of the section, therefore, is to make state law the ruling force except where the Boston Code is more stringent.

As your Honor is aware, this chapter was drastically amended as a result of the reports of the various Recess Commissions formed after the Coconut Grove fire. By the numerous amendments which have been passed since 1944, the Building Commissioner has become, in effect, a deputy of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

APPLICATION OF THE LAW.

The law applies chiefly to the following categories of buildings:

(a) Every building of a residential or commercial character in which there are eight or more rooms above the second floor, or in which ten or more persons reside or are accommodated above the second floor. (Sections 15, 21, 27.)

(b) Every premises for which a license is required by statute or ordinance. (Section 49.)

(c) Every building in which fifty or more persons may assemble as defined in section 1.

(d) Every building in which ten or more persons are employed. (Section 15.)

(e) For buildings which are not in the above categories, the basic requirements of chapter 479, Acts of 1938, apply. (Section 116d; particularly section 1804.)

The minimum requirement which applies to every building in the City of Boston except one-family dwellings of less than three stories in height, is two independent means of egress, as widely separated as possible, with direct access to the outer air. This the department is obliged by law and practice to secure.

For lodging houses the requirement has been access to two independent means of egress. So that the burden may not be too severe, it has been our policy to accept indirect access, by way of other rooms, to the means of egress. Direct access, however desirable in an occupancy so fraught with hazard would, in most cases, be too expensive.

For apartment houses and other residential occupancies, the requirement has been for direct access from each living unit to not less than two means of egress.

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE.

The egress requirements for all buildings in the process of being erected or altered are secured by making such requirements an integral part of the approval of plans. The approval is not granted, barring appeal to the Board of Appeal, until such requirements are met.

For buildings now in existence for which a license is sought, acknowledgments, as described in chapter 143, section 29, are used. So that departments issuing licenses, particularly the Licensing Board, may not be impeded in their work, priority has been assigned to all such applications. The issuance of an acknowledgment is an interim arrangement by which a premises may be licensed in the expectation that the work required by this department may soon be done. Since the power to issue such acknowledgments, insofar as the city is concerned, has existed since November, 1945, it is reasonable to believe that persons who are sincerely determined to meet the requirements of law have been given sufficient time in which to do so. The action of the present Legislature, under chapter 288 of 1950, appears to indicate that this authority, except within rigid restrictions, will terminate on October 15, 1950. The department will then be forced to take drastic action with respect to many licensed lodging houses in the city.

Buildings which are not licensed and in which no alteration is contemplated have been the object of a survey by the Egress Division for the past four years. In this time we have averaged 40,000 inspections annually. The survey is practically completed and has revealed many violations of law. Our object has been first to order the more serious hazards removed; secondly to certify those properties which require a certificate under section 28; and finally to proceed to the lesser violations.

It is impossible to estimate the time required to carry out this program. We shall endeavor to stagger the certifications so that the case load for the individual inspector may be constant. Routine inspections will be assigned on a daily basis.

I am fully aware that these requirements of law have proved onerous to many property owners; I wish to point out, however, that the law is an act of the State Legislature which we are obligated, under penalty, to enforce.

If your Honor approves, I shall be glad to go before the City Council and to answer such questions as may be directed to me by the members of that Body.

Very truly yours,
HARRY J. KEEFE,
Building Commissioner.

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ACCEPTANCE OF BURTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the holding of a hearing relative to accepting Burton Street Extension, Ward 22, as a public way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
June 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated May 1, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hold a hearing relative to accepting Burton Street Extension (Ward 22) as a public way."

Burton street, Brighton, extends from Washington street 1,200 feet to Tilton street. Approximately 800 feet from Washington street to Bellamy street is a public way. The remaining 400 feet

from Bellamy street to Tilton street is private. Four two-family and one single dwellings are located on this private portion.

There are no sanitary sewers or surface drains in this portion of Burton street, and the installation of new sewers would be extremely expensive due to the distance from existing facilities. However, consideration will be given to laying out an extension approximately 220 feet beyond Bellamy street which will serve all existing dwellings.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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ACCEPTANCE OF SEARLE ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the accepting, laying out, and constructing of Searle road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
May 22, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated April 24, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Searle road, Ward 20, as a public highway."

Searle road, West Roxbury, extends from La Grange street southerly to Cottage avenue. The portion between La Grange street and Cowing street was laid out and constructed about fifteen years ago. The remaining portion of approximately 700 feet between Cowing street and Cottage avenue is a private way and has eight dwellings facing thereon.

This street is situated in a section of heavy ledge outcroppings, and therefore construction will be quite expensive.

A survey, plan, and estimate for the laying out of this street will be made. If it is found that the probable costs do not exceed the resulting benefit to the abutting properties, a hearing for acceptance will be scheduled.

Very truly yours,
Gerald F. Scally, Chairman.

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ACCEPTANCE OF IRWIN AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the accepting and laying out of Irwin avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
May 22, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated April 24, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Irwin avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway."

Irwin avenue, Hyde Park, a private way, extends approximately 400 feet from Safford street to Ruskin road. Land on the northerly side is the proposed site of the new St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. A new rectory has already been constructed. Vacant land on the southerly side has also been acquired by the parish as the site of a proposed parochial school.

Construction of Irwin avenue will cost approximately $9,500. It will be included in the 1950 program of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Very truly yours,
Gerald F. Scally, Chairman.

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ACCEPTANCE OF PINEWOOD STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the accepting, laying out, and constructing of Pinewood street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
May 22, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated May 15, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Pinewood street, Ward 18, as a public highway."

Pinewood street, Hyde Park, is included in a list of those streets to be laid out within the next few months.

Very truly yours,
Gerald F. Scally, Chairman.

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MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the enforcing of the regulations barring motor vehicle traffic in the various roadways in Franklin Park.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, May 27, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith copy of order of the City Council dated May 8, 1950, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Park Commissioner and the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to enforce the regulations barring motor vehicle traffic in the various roadways in Franklin Park."

The Commanding Officer of Division 13 has been in touch with the Deputy Commissioner of the Park Department, and additional warning signs will be erected.

Meanwhile, the existing regulations are being enforced by the police.

Very truly yours,
Thomas F. Sullivan,
Police Commissioner.

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS NEAR BLUE HILL AVENUE SYNAGOGUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the installation of

traffic lights near Blue Hill Avenue Synagogue between Devon and Brunswick streets in Wards 12 and 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
May 25, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes.
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated May 22, 1950, Requesting Traffic Lights Near Blue Hill Avenue Synagogue Between Devon and Brunswick Streets in Wards 12 and 14.

Dear Sir:

When funds are provided for the installation of traffic signal lights, the above location will be given consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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"STOP" SIGN AT BYNNER AND DAY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 27, 1950, concerning the erection of a "Stop" sign at the corner of Bynner street and Day street in Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
March 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order of March 27, 1950, Requesting That a "Stop" Sign Be Erected at Bynner and Day Streets.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers will survey the area in the vicinity of Bynner and Day streets, Ward 10, with a view to erecting warning signs.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WASHINGTON AND PARK STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the installation of automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Washington and Park streets, in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
May 25, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston,

Re: Council Order Dated May 22, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Automatic Traffic Signals at the Intersection of Washington and Park Streets in Ward 17.

Dear Sir:

When funds are provided for the installation of traffic signals, the above location will be given consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CONVERSION OF MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the conversion of chapter 372 multiple dwelling units to either state or federally aided developments.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
May 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Concerning Conversion of Chapter 372 Multiple Dwelling Units to Either State or Federally Aided Developments.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 24, 1950, on the above-referenced order.

Since all of the Chapter 200 money has been allocated, this Authority is of the opinion that the conversion to the state program will not be allowed for that reason.

For your information, the Chairman of the State Housing Board has been endeavoring for some time to have ten state-aided Chapter 200 developments in Massachusetts converted to the federal program, on which no decision has been made as yet.

The Authority will be pleased, however, to investigate the possibilities of conversion on the Chapter 372 small multiple program.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF LAND AT FARRAGUT ROAD AND P STREET FOR HOUSING PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of April 24, 1950, concerning the study of the vacant land at Farragut road and P street, South Boston, for housing purposes.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
May 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of April 24, 1950, Requesting a Study of Vacant Land at Farragut Road and P Street, South Boston, for Housing Purposes.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

The Authority is in receipt of your letter of April 26, 1950, on the above subject.

You are advised that the Authority will be pleased to make the study requested by this order.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LEASING OF LAND IN WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the leasing of a small area of land in the West Roxbury district to Abraham Chotilian.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying order to accomplish this purpose.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At the present time, Abraham Chotilian owns and operates a small variety store at 3900 Wash-

ington street, Roslindale, adjacent to the Stony Brook conduit, which is under the jurisdiction of this department.

As he is desirous of expanding his small business, he has requested permission to occupy about 76 square feet of the land that is owned by the city and which is occupied by the above-referenced conduit.

The petitioner has submitted a plan showing the proposed structure that he intends to erect, and said plan has been reviewed and approved by the Sewer Division of this department.

We have no objections to the leasing of this small area of land to him for a period of ten years, and, in view of this, an order has been prepared by the Corporation Counsel, for approval of the City Council, authorizing the leasing of this area of land, at an annual rental of $10, which, in my opinion, is a fair rental for the small area involved.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that the enclosed order authorizing the leasing of the above-referenced land be submitted to the City Council for the approval of that Body.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to Abraham Chotilian, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston whereby the City of Boston may lease for a period of ten (10) years, and for an annual rental of $10 per annum, and upon such further terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the Commissioner of Public Works shall determine, a certain parcel of land situated in the West Roxbury district, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point twelve and a half (12½) feet northerly from the intersection formed by the easterly line of Stony Brook Conduit and the northwesterly line of Franklin place; thence running northwesterly thirteen and 14/100 (13.14) feet to the southeasterly line of Washington street; thence turning and running northeasterly along said line of Washington street eleven and 56/100 (11.56) feet to a point; thence turning and running southerly seventeen and 50/100 (17.50) feet to the point of beginning; containing approximately seventy-five and 95/100 (75.95) square feet of land.

The above-described property is shown on a plan by J. A. Sharkey, C. E., dated May 18, 1950, on file in the Public Works Department.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

LAMPS IN FRONT OF CITY HALL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of May 1, 1950, concerning the cleaning and lighting at night of the lamps on the pillars and gate in front of City Hall.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
May 26, 1950.

Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In reference to attached City Council order directing that the lamps on the pillars and gate in front of City Hall be cleaned and lighted, the above-mentioned lights have been thoroughly cleaned, but it has been customary in the past to have the lights turned on at the holiday season at Christmas. Furthermore, on account of the long period of daylight which is now taking place, it would seem unnecessary to have these lights turned on after the closing hours of city business.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

STREET PAVING BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FORCES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the installation of a system of street paving in the Public Works Department and to require said department to do all street paving in the residential areas of the city and in those areas of the commercial section of the city where such work can be done expeditiously.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 22, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 8:

"Whereas, Recent investigation of street paving done in the City of Boston discloses flagrant violations of contract agreements; and

"Whereas, Terms of some of these contracts reveal that paving of streets in many instances includes only resurfacing without excavating and building of a new foundation; and

"Whereas, Several cities throughout the nation have proven that a change from private contracting to public works contracting has resulted in a substantial decrease in the cost of street paving and a subsequent increase in the quality and quantity of paving work; therefore, be it

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a system of street paving in the Public Works Department and to require said department to do all street paving in the residential areas of the city and in those areas of the commercial section of the city where such work can be done expeditiously."

It is my unqualified opinion that the costs to the taxpayers of this city would be greatly increased if the provisions of the above-referenced order were complied with. The contract system is the best system yet devised for effecting public improvements of the highest quality and at the lowest possible cost.

I am certain that the contract system for effecting major street construction and reconstruction improvements in this city is in the best interests of our city, and, in view of this, I am sorry to inform you that I do not feel that we should comply with the provisions of this order.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS DUG UP IN RECENT TESTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the repairing of the streets and sidewalks which they dug up in connection with their recent tests in order to prevent damage suits against the city for personal injuries and damage to property.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 24, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 15:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Boston Finance Commission be

requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the streets and sidewalks which they have dug up in connection with their recent tests in order to prevent damage suits against the city for personal injuries and damage to property."

It is our intention to comply with the provisions of the above-referenced order in every respect.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSPECTION OF WATER HYDRANTS, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the inspection of all the water hydrants in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 25, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 15:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inspect all the water hydrants in Ward 17."

It is the intention of the department to comply with the provisions of the above-referenced order in every respect.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CHENEY AND HUTCHINGS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the repairing or resurfacing of Cheney street and Hutchings street in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 19, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works repair or resurface Cheney street and Hutchings street in Ward 12, and this will advise you that Cheney street is on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year and Hutchings street will be added to same.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF BEECH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Beech street, from Washington street to Asheville street, Ward 18.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 19, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Beech street, from Washington street to Asheville street, Ward 18, and this will advise you that portion of the street, from Washington street to approximately 82 feet southeast of Alpheus road, is a public way, and a survey of same will be made and will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Beech street, from approximately 82 feet southeast of Alpheus road to Asheville road, is a private way and will have to be laid out and accepted by the Board of Street Commissioners before the Bridge and Highway Division can perform any work therein.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF LEWIS STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Lewis street, in the North End section of Ward 3.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 19, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Lewis street, in the North End section of Ward 3, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street, and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REASSIGNMENT OF LADDER TRUCK TO WARD 16 FIREHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the reassigning of a ladder truck to the firehouse at 32 Walnut street, Ward 16, which, at present, houses Engine 20 and formerly had a ladder truck.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, May 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Your Honor:

With reference to the order passed in the City Council, May 22, 1950, requesting a ladder truck to be reassigned to the ladder house at 32 Walnut street, Ward 16, we wish to advise you that we have a ladder truck but we do not have men available to serve a ladder company.

The installation of this ladder truck would entail the appointment of 22 new men immediately, and

the budget under which we are operating at the present time is not sufficient to handle this number of new appointments.

Respectfully yours,
MICHAEL T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF HILL TOP STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Hill Top street in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Hill Top street, Ward 16, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSPECTION OF ALL WATER HYDRANTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order or May 22, 1950, concerning the inspection of all water hydrants throughout the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 25, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of May 22:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inspect all water hydrants throughout the City of Boston."

We are continually testing hydrants throughout the city, and it is our intention to continue to do so, in order to make certain that the hydrants are in proper operating condition at all times.

You may be assured, therefore, that we shall comply with the provisions of the above-referenced order, in detail.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Washington street, from Faneuil street and Nonantum street to Burton street in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Washington street, from Faneuil and Nonantum streets to Burton street in Ward 22, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street and it will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLANN,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of the following streets in Ward 13:

Magnolia street, Rowell street, Bakersfield street, Arion street, and Sargent street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the following streets in Ward 13:

Magnolia street, Rowell street, Bakersfield street, Arion street, and Sargent street.

Please be advised that a survey will be made of these streets and they will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF CEMENT SIDEWALKS, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on the block bounded by East Sixth street, P street, Farragut road, and Columbia road, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 24, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on the block bounded by East Sixth street, P street, Farragut road, and Columbia road, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this work is on the list to be given consideration during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SUFFOLK REGISTRY OF PROBATE INDEXES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Register of Probate for the County of Suffolk in which he requests approval of the use of a certain sum of money allowed in the budget for the current year for the purpose of copying indexes or providing new indexes for the records in his custody.

There is also attached a suggested form of order for your approval.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Suffolk County,
Probate Court and Court of Insolvency,
Boston, June 1, 1950.

To His Honor John B. Hynes and the Honorable City Council of the City of Boston.
Gentlemen:

Chapter 217, section 15, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) provides that the Register of Probate and Insolvency "may, with the approval of the county commissioners and at the expense of the county, cause copies of the index or new indexes to the records which are in his custody, to be printed and sold at a price not less than the cost of paper, printing, and binding."

This work is essential every twelve or thirteen years and it is necessary at this time that the index to the records in my custody for the period from January 2, 1936, to December 31, 1947, inclusive, be consolidated and printed. This index is to be made up from an existing card index, the cards of which are badly worn and occupy a large amount of valuable space. Said cards fill one hundred and eight long index drawers in a steel cabinet. When consolidated the index will be bound into either two or three volumes, thus leaving the space it now occupies for current and future card index purposes.

The work preliminary to printing and binding has been completed, and we are now ready to advertise for bids.

The sum of $16,500 is available for this work in the 1950 budget.

In accordance with the provisions of said statute your approval is hereby respectfully requested to consolidate, print, and bind said index.

Respectfully yours,
Arthur W. Sullivan, Register.

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Ordered, That the Register of Probate for the County of Suffolk be authorized to prepare, and have printed, and sell, in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, copies of the indexes of the records and papers in his custody, and to expend for that purpose, for temporary employees not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, and for the printing of said indexes not exceeding sixteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

All Saints' Church, for compensation for damage to property at Peabody square, caused by change of grade of sidewalk.

Alton Products, Inc., for compensation for damage to property by police cruising car.

Leonard I. Carlson, for compensation for damage to car by City Hospital ambulance.

Joseph F. Carroll, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Mary Corso, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Stanford and Cambridge streets.

William Crawford, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Massachusetts avenue and Falmouth street.

Salvatore Famolare, for refund on ferry tickets.

David I. Finnegan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 160 Westglow street.

Fulton Fruit & Produce Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Jennie Galaid, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 19 Edinboro' street.

Ruth M. Geick, for compensation for damage to property at 124 Blake street, caused by raising of grade of sidewalk.

Mark S. Griffin, to be reimbursed as result of executions issued against him.

Joseph F. Hallisey, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Hyde Park avenue.

Violet Kilduff, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Meridian street, East Boston.

Jacob Krivitsky, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 James street.

Joseph LaRosa, for compensation for damage to property at 282A Lexington street, East Boston, caused by water being shut off.

E. T. Marchand, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Alice C. McCabe, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 216 Blue Hill avenue.

Anne McLaughlin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boylston street.

Dr. William J. McNally, for compensation for expenses incurred in digging for leak at 647 West Roxbury Parkway.

John P. McNeely, for compensation for damage to property at 62 Blake street, caused by raising of grade of sidewalk.

Louis Modestino, for compensation for damage to property at 27 Rockne avenue, caused by change of grade of street.

Matthew J. Moylan, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Marie O'Shaughnessy, for compensation for damage to property at 31 Rockne avenue, caused by change of grade of street.

Gerardo P. A. Palmisano, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Ernest M. Parelli, for compensation for damage to property at 958 Saratoga street, caused by leak in water main.

John W. Reardon, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at Langley road, Brighton, caused by water being shut off.

Edward J. Rogers, for compensation for damage to property at 98 Centre street, caused by city men taking down tree.

Thomas J. Vacirca, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Goldie Wagner, for compensation for damage to car by police vehicle.

F. E. Walsh, for compensation for damage to property at 128 Blake street, caused by change of grade of street.

Howard P. Warren, for compensation for damage to car by police officer.

Executive.

Petition of Timothy F. McLaughlin employed as stationary fireman in Maintenance Division of Suffolk County Court House for retirement as a veteran.

Petition of Isabel Kiley to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John T. Kiley, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Hazel Boone, John Hancock Hall, June 14.
Stanley E. Brown, John Hancock Hall, June 9.
Mary Corbett Burns, John Hancock Hall, June 1.
Gughelmina Fiorentino, Recital Hall, June 23.
Mildred Palaza, John Hancock Hall, June 2.
Rose E. Sidman, Jordan Hall, June 14.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council:

George W. Brooker, Louis Levendorf, Andrew Martin, Andrew J. Palermo.

NOTICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of order granting approval to Metropolitan Transit Authority for location of tracks, poles, etc., on Blue Hill avenue and Seaver street.
Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of alteration of section of Main street, Charlestown, section of highway laid out under date of January 3, 1950.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority in amount of $177.03 for installation of locks at Sumner and Willis streets Veterans 372 Housing Project.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on June 5 at 10 A.M. on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles over Washington street, between Chittick road and Faraday street; Faraday street, between Washington street and Truman Highway; Truman Highway, between Faraday street and Chittick road.
Placed on file.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR FROM CITY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of his absence from the city from May 23 to May 26, inclusive.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Henry E. Foley Chairman of the Overseers of Public Welfare, that Lewis H. Weinstein, member of law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot, as Special Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, was appearing in behalf of assessors in certain appeals by Boston Consolidated Gas Company before Appellate Tax Board.
Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company (referred May 8) for license for carriage of passengers by motor vehicles over Providence street, Arlington street, and Tremont street—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the license was granted under usual conditions.

INCREASED RENTS, D STREET PROJECT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconsider its action on the increase of rents on the D Street Project in South Boston because of the undue hardship that will fall on the tenants who cannot afford to pay the increases in rent. If said increases go through, it will mean the eviction of a large number of tenants. The Housing Authority has exceeded its authority in causing these rent increases.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MISSION HILL PLAYGROUND REPAIRS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the playing surface of the Mission Hill Playground in Ward 10.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

WALDEN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of making Walden street, in Ward 10, one way, traveling from Centre street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT MINOT STREET AND NEPONSET AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Minot street and Neponset avenue in Ward 16.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT GIBSON AND ADAMS STREETS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Gibson and Adams streets in Ward 16, Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

WALES STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Wales street, from Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street, a one-way street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIBRARY AT WALES STREET AND BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of surveying the land at the corner of Wales street and Blue Hill avenue for a public library and if the trustees so approve, that said land be taken by eminent domain.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGNS AT MASCOT AND DUMAS STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately place "Slow" signs at Mascot street and Dumas street, in Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROBE OF RECENT HAPPENINGS IN FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately request a probe of recent happenings in the Franklin Park area perpetrated by groups who came into that area for the purpose of creating unrest and causing malicious harm.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NATIONAL FEDERAL WORKS PROJECTS IN BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the New England Delegation of Congressmen and U. S. Senators to appeal to the Federal authorities for the purpose of studying the immediate advisability of studying several National Federal Works projects in Boston and New England for the purposes of easing the present unemployment situation that at present prevails.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to resurface Downer avenue, Jerome street, Crescent avenue, and East Cottage street, in Ward 13.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF FENCE ABUTTING TRACKS, SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner to make or have made proper repairs to the fence abutting the tracks on Savin Hill avenue, Ward 13.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL STREET BOOKS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Printing be requested to order five hundred bound street books 1948 issue, expense for same to be charged to the fund for City Documents.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CARSON STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Park Commissioner to make a playground out of the existing playground on Carson street, Ward 13.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIRE HAZARD AT 12 AND 14 PORTER STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with the Fire Commissioner, the Building Commissioner, the Public Works Department and the Real Estate Commission in order that immediate steps might be taken to eliminate the fire hazard which exists in the building known and designated as 12 and 14 Porter Street, in Jamaica Plain.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PERRIN STREET REPAIRS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and repave the sidewalks on Perrin street, in Ward 12.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW DOWN—CHILDREN" SIGNS ON CRAWFORD STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put a "Slow Down—Children" sign on Crawford street, near the intersections of Harold street, Humboldt avenue, and Warren street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

DEATH OF JOSEPH P. COX.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Whereas, The recent death of Joseph P. Cox, of 176 Temple street, West Roxbury, a former member of the Boston City Council from 1930 to 1933, inclusive, has removed from our midst one of our most respected citizens and a gentleman of high character, probity and honor; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its sincere sympathy and condolence to the members of his family in their great loss of a fine husband and father; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Helen Cox, 176 Temple street, West Roxbury.
The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

SHELTER AT BARBARA STREET AND SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That the MTA be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a shelter at the corner of Barbara street and South Huntington avenue for patrons of the MTA.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND ON RIVER STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the custody and control of the vacant land on River street, Ward 18, to the Park Department for playground purposes to take care of the requirements of approximately 2,000 additional children who are now living in the housing development in that area.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF KENNETH J. McDONALD.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Stanton and Norfolk streets in Ward 17 in honor of Kenneth J. McDonald who died in the service of his country in Normandy on June 20, 1944.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF MILTON C. KORNETZ.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee on Naming Squares be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection of Blue Hill avenue and McLellan street as the Milton C. Kornetz Square, in honor of Milton C. Kornetz veteran of World War II, who died in the service of his country April 15, 1945, in Germany.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey the Council voted to take a recess at 3 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Councilor Wenzler at 3.45 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, Acting Chairman, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Register of Probate be authorized to prepare and have printed and sell copies of indexes of records and papers in his custody and to expend for that purpose for tem-

porary employees not exceeding $2,500 and for printing of said indexes not exeeeding $16,500—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

NAMING OF MONSIGNOR WILLIAM J. CASEY ROAD.

Coun. McCORMACK and P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of Park road and the easterly roadway of the Arborway from 876 Centre street to 249 South street, Jamaica Plain, to Monsignor William J. Casey road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM MacDONALD.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Faneuil and Market streets, in Ward 22, in honor of William MacDonald who died in the service of his country in Wessel, Germany, on March, 1945.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DEATH OF ANDREW McARDLE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Whereas, The members of the Boston City Council have learned with deep regret of the untimely death of Andrew McArdle, State Commander of the American Legion, who worked untiringly in behalf of the veterans; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its sincere sympathy and condolence to his good wife and eleven children, who survive him, in the great loss of their beloved husband and father; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. McArdle.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN J. DeFERRARI.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, The City of Boston has, through generous appropriations throughout the years, fostered and developed a world-famous library system which has opened wide the doors of learning to all; and

Whereas, In grateful recognition of the help and assistance extended to him in the use of the extensive facilities of the library and its several departments, John J. Deferrari, a native citizen of Boston, has caused to be created a magnificent gift to further enhance the excellent work of this great public service; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City of Boston, through the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby publicly recognizes the importance of this generous gift and extends its sincere commendation on behalf of its citizens to the family of John J. Deferrari; and be it further

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor request the School Committee to set aside a day in the coming school year to give public recognition to the significance of this gift.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND AT WASHINGTON AND VAN BRUNT STREETS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take by eminent domain the vacant land bounded by Washington street to the Milton line and Van Brunt street, Ward 18, for playground purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND IN CORRIGANVILLE SECTION.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the custody and control of land owned by said department in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park to the Park Department for playground purposes to take care of the requirements of approximately 2,000 children now living in the recent housing developmetn in that area.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.52 P.M., on motion of Councilor Cook, to meet on Monday, June 12, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 12, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase and P. A. Tracy.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Alfred Lubin, 38 Millet street, Dorchester, Ward 17, and Samuel J. Adelman, 36 Regent street, Roxbury, Ward 12, as constables, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

BRANCH LIBRARY AT WALES STREET AND BLUE HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Clerk of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the acquisition of a site for a branch library at the corner of Wales street and Blue Hill avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Library Department, June 9, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Library I wish to acknowledge your transmittal of June 8 of the City Council order of June 5 relative to the possibility of the acquisition of a site for a branch library at the corner of Wales street and Blue Hill avenue. This communication will be brought to the attention of the Trustees at their next meeting.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH B. BROCKUNIER,
Clerk of the Trustees.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM A. REILLY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Cambridge street and Soldiers Field road in Ward 22 in honor of Pfc. William A. Reilly, Company B, 255th Regiment, 63d Division, United States Army.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
June 5, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith an order from the City Council requesting the Metropolitan District Commission to name the intersection of Cambridge street and Soldiers Field road in honor of Pfc. William A. Reilly, who was killed in action February 16, 1945.

As this intersection is under the jurisdiction of this commission we have no power, as a commission, to name any boulevard or intersection without an act of the Legislature.

Therefore it will be necessary that an act be put in the Legislature.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY,
Commissioner.

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RADIO HEADPHONES FOR CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the installation of radio facilities of the headphone type for the convalescent patients of the hospital.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, June 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today your communication was presented enclosing City Council order of May 22, 1950, requesting the installation of radio facilities of the headphone type for the convalescent patients of the hospital.

It was voted that the Trustees make an investigation of this matter.

Very truly yours,
J. W. MANARY, Superintendent.

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NAMING OF GATE AT ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of May 15, 1950, concerning the naming of the gate at the Arnold Arboretum in honor of Sergt. Edward P. Fulton.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office, with attached enclosure, City Council order dated May 15, requesting the naming of the gate at the Arnold Arboretum in honor of Sergt. Edward P. Fulton.

With regard to the naming of areas, the Board of Park Commissioners, at a meeting held May 19, adopted the following resolution as to naming areas:

"That the Board is of the opinion that honor should be given to all who died in the war

rather than to a few whose names might be chosen by the Park Commissioners. Public recognition of the debt of gratitude that the city owes all the young men and women of Boston who gave their lives in World War II in the service of their country is not a function of the Park Commissioners but rests in the hands of his Honor the Mayor, who has given this matter his thoughtful consideration, as evidenced in the war memorial completed in the Fenway.

"That the Board, in naming parks, playgrounds, and specific areas for individuals, use the names of notable and exemplary persons of historical significance (regardless of where they lived) who have rendered distinguished service to city, state, or nation; or perpetuate legendary names or place names of historical significance; or use the names of local communities or of local public institutions that have gained city-wide reputation."

As a result of the adoption of this resolution, the Board has decided to conform strictly to it, unless the Mayor decides to intervene in the matter.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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WIDENING OF ASTICOU ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 30, 1950, concerning the taking of five feet from the corner of Asticou road and St. Ann street, fifteen feet from the corner of Asticou road and Washington street on the Roslindale side, and three feet off the sidewalk on Asticou road, from St. Ann street to Washington street, Ward 19.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 8, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works take five feet from the corner of Asticou road and St. Ann street, fifteen feet from the corner of Asticou road and Washington street, on the Roslindale side, and three feet off the sidewalk on Asticou road, from St. Ann to Washington streets, Ward 19, and this will advise you that the Board of Street Commissioners is now making a study for the extension of St. Ann street to Bussey street, and it reports that this project will be included in this study.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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INFORMATION RE CONTEMPLATED HOUSING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the School Committee and the Park Department being informed of any contemplated construction of housing projects in the various sections of the city, so that the School Committee may provide adequate school facilities.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
June 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am in receipt of your communication of May 24, 1950, enclosing City Council order of May 22, 1950.

Please be advised that it has always been the practice of this Authority to notify the School Committee and Park Department, among other departments of the city, of any contemplated housing construction.

This practice will continue.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning the advisability of constructing additional housing on the site 384-390 and 389-399 West Second street, Ward 6, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
June 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am in receipt of your communication of May 24, 1950, enclosing City Council order of May 22, 1950.

Please be advised that the Authority will give consideration to the advisability of constructing additional housing on the site 384-390 and 389-399 West Second street, Ward 6, South Boston.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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PRINTING OF "CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN BOSTON."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 5, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 24 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, I propose to have printed 100,000 copies of a folder bearing the title "Calendar of Events in Boston, June 1 to October 1, 1950." This folder will be distributed through hotels, stores, theaters, etc., to the thousands of visitors who will be present in our city attending conventions or spending vacations in the area. It will contain a calendar showing the various sporting, theatrical, and entertainment features scheduled during the period, as well as historical points of interest, sight-seeing trips, and other information to guide visitors in planning their recreational and entertainment program during their stay in our midst. In my opinion, such a publication will not only advertise the facilities available to visitors but will also create a large measure of good will toward our city.

I submit an order authorizing the printing of this pamphlet as a special city document or publication and recommend its immediate consideration and adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print 100,000 copies of a folder entitled "Calendar of Events in Boston, June 1 to October 1, 1950," the expense of such printing to be charged to City Documents.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

APPROPRIATION FOR BARRY PLAYGROUND RESTORATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I send you herewith an appropriation order in the amount of $60,000 for the restoration of Barry Playground in Charlestown to a condition permitting said playground to be used for the purposes intended.

In the accompanying letter of the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners is set forth the pressing need for the improvement of this playground at the present time.

I am hopeful that the Mystic River Bridge Authority will, in due time, recompense the City of Boston for the expense of restoring this playground to a usable condition. In the meantime, the need is imperative, and I most respectfully request that your Honorable Body give this matter immediate action at today's meeting.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 17, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

It is vitally necessary that this department take immediate steps to provide playground and recreation facilities in the Charlestown district. I do not believe there is any section of Boston where the playground situation is more acute than in this district.

There have been for years three larger playgrounds located in Charlestown, namely, the John J. Ryan, Jr. Playground at Sullivan square, the John Doherty Playground at Charlestown Heights, and the William J. Barry Playground at Medford and Chelsea streets. Of these, only the Ryan Playground and the Barry Playground were equipped with larger baseball diamonds. The Doherty Playground is more or less an enlarged play area on which we have located the George Robert White Swimming Pool.

With the erection of the Mystic River Bridge, considerable of the territory of the Barry Playground is now occupied by uprights of the bridge, so that now we have a much reduced area. It is now necessary to redesign the entire area and remove existing field house to a new location in order to make the area large enough to construct a full size baseball field.

A part of the Ryan Playground at Sullivan square is now being developed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Works Department for the new traffic interchange. The Ryan Playground will be out of use for approximately the next two and one-half years. At the conclusion of the construction of this traffic area, we hope to have the assistance of the Commonwealth in developing the remainder of the Ryan Playground.

Charlestown is a highly congested area with many small children, and it is required that we take immediate steps to help to provide these children with play facilities. Accordingly, we plan to take steps to restore the area of the Barry Playground so that the children shall have a play area where they may enjoy our many recreation activities.

The Board of Park Commissioners requests that you place before the City Council an order in the amount of $60,000 for the restoration of the Barry Playground, the special appropriation to be known as "The William J. Barry Playground, Restoration of."

Your consideration of this most urgent matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

RECREATION.

Park Department.
The William J. Barry Playground,
Restoration of..... $60,000

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATION FOR RESERVE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

As you know, the statutes contemplate that the 1950 tax rate be declared not later than the current week. Before the tax rate is fixed, however, provision should be made for uncertainties that prevail with respect to various matters. For example, there are several municipal surveys which are likely to make reports before the end of the present fiscal year. Typical of this situation is the study under way in the Public Works Department with regard to incinerators.

Then again, the Legislature is still in session. What action it will take upon the South Bay and other projects is presently unknown. While it is not anticipated that any direct burden will be placed upon the city in connection with these projects, it is conceivable that incidental expenses may arise.

Obviously it is impossible at the present time for me to make specific recommendations for appropriations in connection with these pending matters, but it does seem desirable to make a supplementary appropriation for the Reserve Fund so as to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures arising between now and the end of the current year.

I accordingly submit an appropriation order providing an additional $150,000 for the Reserve Fund, and I respectfully recommend its immediate adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reserve Fund.....$150,000

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

J. J. Coakley, for compensation for damage to property at 82 Beechcroft street, during reconstruction of street.

Mabel Cohen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Jersey and Boylston streets.

Herbert J. Deacy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in City Hall.

George E. Dietel, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Saul S. Fierer, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Thomas P. Flaherty, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Henry A. Foster, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Mrs. Joseph S. Gazda, for compensation for damage to property at 26 Lawn street, caused by water in cellar.

Val Gould et al., for compensation for damage to property at Plymouth Theater, caused by water.

Robert D. Griffin, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

John F. X. Joyce, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Florence Ladd, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 39 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Salvatore Prestandrea, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Lucille Recommendez, for compenation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Boylston and Ipswich streets.

Dr. Harold I. Shulman, for compensation for damages sustained by city men breaking off branches of trees, etc., at 47 Selkirk road.

Morris N. Silton, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

George J. Stewart, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Executive.

Petition of Katherine E. McLaughlin, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, John Leo McLaughlin, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

E. Lewis, Jordan Hall June 8.

Rosalie Fuccillo, East Boston High School, June 10.

Boston Music School, Inc., Huntington Hall, June 11.

South End Music School, June 14.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

NOTICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Copy of order of the Department of Public Utilities was received granting petition of Metropolitan District Commission for conduits, wires, etc., in East Boston district.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF LAND-TAKING BY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan District Commission of taking of land in Charlestown for playground purposes.

Placed on file.

CITY-OWNED LAND NOT HELD FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department, June 7, 1950.

Walter J. Malloy, Esq.,
City Clerk, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a communication which I am today sending to the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston,
Law Department, June 7, 1950.

Herman Carp, Chairman,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Dear Commissioner Carp:

Your letter of May 19, 1950, directs my attention to chapter 318 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Relative to Real Estate of the City of Boston Not Held for a Specific Purpose," which amends St. 1943, c. 434, s. 2, so as to read as follows:

> "The chairman, subject to the regulations of the board with respect to his procedure, shall have the care, custody, management and control of all property acquired by the city by foreclosure of tax titles or acquired under section eighty of chapter sixty of the General Laws, whether acquired before or after the effective date of this act, and also of all real estate of the city not held for a specific purpose irrespective of the manner or time of acquisition of such real estate, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all buildings or other structures and all lands or rights or interests in lands or other property subject to section four of chapter two hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine which, in the opinion of the board, has ceased, or at any time shall have ceased, to be needed for the purposes of said chapter two hundred and ninety-seven; provided, that the chairman, subject to the approval of the board, may make contracts for such care, custody, management and control."

Your first inquiry is:

> What properties are intended to be embraced within the language of "lands not held for specific purposes"?

Ordinarily, when real estate is acquired by the city, whether such acquisition be by eminent domain, by purchase, by gift, by devise, by statute, or otherwise, the acquisition is for some specific municipal purpose, and the real estate is thereafter held for that purpose by the department concerned with the particular municipal function involved. Such real estate, even though no longer used for the purpose specified, is still technically "held" for such purpose and so does not come within the category of "real estate . . . not held for a specific purpose."

There are occasions, however, when, by the form of the gift or devise or by the manner of acquisition or as a result of some statute, real estate comes to be held for no specific purpose but rather for municipal purposes generally. The most common situation is the acquisition of land by the foreclosure of tax titles with respect to which G. L. (Ter. Ed.), c. 60, s. 77, as amended, provides that after foreclosure such land shall be held for "municipal" purposes. Other illustrations of this situation may be found (a) in gifts or devises of land by public-spirited citizens for "general" or "municipal" or "public" purposes or without reference to any purpose, (b) in the conveyance to the city, in connection with the settlement of a land damage suit, of the portion of a parcel remaining in private owner-

ship after the eminent domain taking, and (c) in chapter 178 of the Special Acts of 1915, which repealed so much of St. 1897, c. 347, s. 1, as required certain land to be used for a market or other public purposes.

For many years, care and maintenance of real estate thus owned by the city and not held for any specific purpose was in the Street Laying-Out Department. See chapter 34 of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 and chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925. The first change with respect to the controlling department was made by chapter 3 of the Ordinances of 1935, which transferred from the Street Laying-Out Department to the Public Buildings Department jurisdiction of real estate acquired through the foreclosure of tax titles. The care and disposal of such real estate was later placed in a Custodian appointed under chapter 358 of the Acts of 1938, who was succeeded, in turn, by your Board under chapter 434 of the Acts of 1943. In other words, ever since its establishment, your Board has had the care, custody, management, and control of one category of property belonging to the city but not held for any specific purpose. Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1950 simply transfers to your Board the care, custody, management, and control of all other such real estate—the same to be cared for and disposed of like real estate acquired through tax title foreclosure.

In my opinion, therefore, the properties intended to be embraced within the phrase "all real estate of the city not held for a specific purpose" means all land belonging to the city and not under the jurisdiction of any particular department thereof because held without specification of a particular purpose.

Your second inquiry is:

Must all properties not held for specific purposes be sold at public auction?

As stated above, real estate of the city not held for a specific purpose is to be cared for and disposed of in the same manner as real estate acquired through tax title foreclosure. Accordingly, if it is determined that real estate not held for a specific purpose should be sold, the sale cannot be private but must be at public auction, just as in the case of property acquired through tax title foreclosure.

Your third inquiry is:

Is this Board or the City Council the proper agency to sell land acquired through tax foreclosure proceedings and subsequently transferred by order of the City Council to another municipal department, which land is no longer required by the particular department for its uses or for any specific purpose?

Ever since its original enactment in 1943, the power vested in you and your Board by the above-quoted statute has related to all property acquired by the city through the foreclosure of tax titles. The statute makes no exception. It is inconceivable, however, that, with the consent of you and your Board and the approval of the Mayor, the City Council cannot permit another department of the city to make a specific municipal use of such property when such use is the disposition of such property most advantageous to the city. Such transaction is, in effect, a lease by your department to the other department; but since the city is both lessor and lessee, no formal lease or payment of rent is involved, nor is the action of the municipal authorities made a matter of record at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. Consequently, when the property is no longer needed for the specific use, the procedure best adapted, in the light of the governing statutes, to insure the continuity of a clear record title would appear to be for the City Council, subject to the provisions of the City Charter, to terminate the "lease" by rescinding its prior order with respect to the property and thereby make the property once again real estate of the city not held for a specific purpose and so fully subject to the provisions of St. 1943, c. 434, as amended, including the provisions thereof relative to sale.

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order referred June 5) for lease of land in West Roxbury to Abraham Chotilian—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Councilor Bryan, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 22) that sum of $180,000 be appropriated from Parking Meter Fees to be expended by Traffic Commission for acquisition and installation of parking meters—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey—16.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF NICHOLAS J. DIMELLA.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That Nicholas J. DiMella be permanently assigned as stenographer-clerk in the Boston City Council, effective as of June 14, 1950.

The order was passed, and it was voted to proceed with the election of a stenographer-clerk. The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

For Nicholas J. DiMella—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—20.

Nicholas J. DiMella was declared elected as stenographer-clerk in the City Council.

RESURFACING OF CATAWBA STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and resurface Catawba street in Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FILLING IN OF MUDDY RIVER.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct an immediate survey of the Muddy River in Ward 10, with a view to filling in the river, which has been an eyesore and danger spot to the nearby residents for many years.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPEEDING UP OF DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF AGED.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare, Division of Old Age Assistance, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to speed up the distribution of checks for medical care for the aged.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 22) of Daniel P. Blake, as Weigher of Goods and Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred June 5) of Robert F. Driscoll, Walter T. Cahill and Dominic J. Colassi, as Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation of the appointments. Committee, Councilors Ramsey and Cantwell. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

OLD COLONY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to refrain from raising the rates of rents in the Old Colony Housing Development; and be it further

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority take over the Old Colony Housing Development from the federal government for the purpose of housing low-income families rather than permit said project to be placed on the list by the federal government for sale to private enterprise before the end of June, 1950, which would undoubtedly result in higher rents and wholesale evictions for the present tenants.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR THOMAS E. LINEHAN AS SPECIAL JUSTICE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby congratulates His Excellency, Governor Paul A. Dever, on his wise and excellent appointment of Thomas E. Linehan, our colleague from Ward 7, as Special Justice of the South Boston Municipal Court.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Upon receiving unanimous consent to make a statement, Councilor Linehan expressed the great joy he felt for his association with the members of the Council for the past five terms, and stated that he would always remember his former colleagues and by his acts would always strive to bring credit upon his present and past colleagues in the Boston City Council.

CASTLE ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor, the Mayor, to immediately open the convenience station at Castle Island, to repair the benches, to cut the grass, and put it in proper shape.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPENING OF CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY POINT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to open the convenience station located at City Point for the many thousands of women and children that go to the beach.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Coffey, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.40 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Senior member Wenzler.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 22) transferring appropriation of $77,441.54 from Reserve Fund to various city and county departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 13, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Wenzler, Yerxa—13.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 22) for supplementary appropriation of $1,700,000 for various city and county departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Coun. BRYAN in the chair.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey to strike out Item D, Supplies, for $10,000, in the Police Department, the motion was lost, yeas 5, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Coffey, Ramsey—5.

Nays—Councilors Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—13.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

The question then came on the passage of the order as submitted by the Mayor, and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

3. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $60,000 for Park Department, Restoration of William J. Barry Playground—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—14.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Coun. CANTWELL, for the Committee on Printing, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing Superintendent of Printing to print 100,000 copies of folder entitled "Calendar of Events in Boston, June 1 to October 1, 1950"—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Yerxa—14.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Wenzler—1.

Adjourned at 3.45 P.M., on motion of Councilor Linehan, to meet on Monday, June 19, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 19, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Ansel, Chase, Cook, Kinsella, Linehan, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS J. DIMELLA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, disapproved and without my signature, the order adopted by your Honorable Body on June 12, 1950, appointing Nicholas J. DiMella as stenographer-clerk in the Boston City Council. I take this action for the reason that there is no existing vacancy for a stenographer-clerk in the Boston City Council, and such an appointment would be in violation of the City Ordinances.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Samuel Schwartz, 7 Havelock street, Ward 14, Constable, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for the term ending April 30, 1951.

John Farraher, 19 Cuba street, Watertown, and Martin V. Sheehan, 89 Yale street, Medford, Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION IN HONOR OF MILTON C. KORNETZ.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners, for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the naming of the intersection of Blue Hill avenue and McLellan street in honor of Milton C. Kornetz, veteran of World War II, who died in the service of his country April 15, 1945, in Germany.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
June 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Office of the Mayor.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge, for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of your letter of June 8, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Ansel, requesting that the intersection of Blue Hill avenue and McLellan street be named in honor of Milton C. Kornetz.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held sometime in October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM McDONALD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners, for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Faneuil and Market streets in Ward 22 in honor of William McDonald, who died in the service of his country in Wessel, Germany, in March, 1945.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
June 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Office of the Mayor.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge, for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of your letter of June 8, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Shanley, requesting that the square at the intersection of Faneuil and Market streets in Ward 22 be named in honor of William McDonald.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held sometime in October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF KENNETH J. McDONALD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners and the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the naming of square at the intersection of Stanton and Norfolk streets in Ward 17 in honor of Kenneth J. McDonald, who died in the service of his country in Normandy on June 20, 1944.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
June 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Office of the Mayor.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge, for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of your letter of June 8, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Farin, requesting that the square at the intersection of Stanton and Norfolk streets in Ward 17 be named in honor of Kenneth J. McDonald.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held sometime in October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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SHELTER AT BARBARA STREET AND SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of June 5, 1950,

concerning the erection of a shelter at the corner of Barbara street and South Huntington avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
June 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your letter of June 8 the Board of Trustees has given careful consideration to the request contained in order of the City Council of June 5 that a shelter be erected at the corner of Barbara street and South Huntington avenue. They do not feel, however, that they can deviate from a long-standing policy with regard to the construction of shelters, which, in view of the expense involved and frequency of service operated, they do not feel they should undertake.

Very truly yours,
Edward Dana, General Manager.

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NATIONAL FEDERAL WORKS PROJECTS IN BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the federal authorities studying the immediate advisability of several national federal works projects in Boston and New England for the purposes of easing the present unemployment situation that at present prevails.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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United States Senate,
Committee on Appropriations.
June 14, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 12, enclosing an order sponsored by Councilor Julius Ansel and passed by the Boston City Council.

I wish to thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely yours,
Leverett Saltonstall,
United States Senator.

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REPAIRING AND REPAVING SIDEWALKS, PERRIN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the repairing and repaving of the sidewalks on Perrin street in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 12, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works repair and repave the sidewalks on Perrin street in Ward 12, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of same and this work will be put on the sidewalk list to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Downer avenue, Jerome street, Crescent avenue, and East Cottage street in Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 12, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Downer avenue, Jerome street, Crescent avenue, and East Cottage street in Ward 13, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of these streets and they will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

"SLOW DOWN — CHILDREN" SIGNS ON CRAWFORD STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Slow Down — Children" sign on Crawford street near the intersection of Harold street, Humboldt avenue, and Warren street.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Relative to attached Council order requesting a "Slow Down—Children" sign, please be advised that this is a matter which comes under the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission, 124 North street, Boston.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND IN CORRIGANVILLE SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning transfering the custody and control of land owned by said department in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park to the Park Department for playground purposes, to take care of the requirements of approximately 2,000 children now living in the recent housing development in that area.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 14, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of June 5:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the custody and control of land owned by said department in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park to the Park Department for playground purposes, to take care of the requirements of approximately 2,000 children now living in the recent housing development in that area."

The land referred to above is under the jurisdiction of the Water Division of this department. We have no further use for it and readily approve, therefore, the transfer of this land to the jurisdiction of the Park Department for development as a playground. There might be a legal impediment to this transfer, because, under the provisions of chapter 318 of the Acts of 1950, all real estate owned by the city and not held for a specific purpose is under the care, custody, management, and control of the Chairman of the Real Estate Commission.

I shall, therefor, refer this matter to the Corporation Counsel and ask his opinion if the above-referenced transfer can be effected by vote of the City Council and with the approval of the undersigned.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAIRING AND RESURFACING CATAWBA STREET, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 12, 1950, concerning the repairing and resurfacing of Catawba street in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works repair and resurface Catawba street in Ward 12, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this street and same will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT WASHINGTON AND GROVE STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Traffic Commission relative to the transfer of ownership and maintenance of the traffic signals at Washington and Grove streets in West Roxbury to the State Department of Public Works.

Accordingly, I recommend passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of a communication from J. C. Cressy, traffic engineer of the State Department of Public Works, the Boston Traffic Commission was informed that one of its traffic lights is now maintained on a state highway and that a transfer of ownership and maintenance should be effected so that it would become the property of the State Department of Public Works.

The traffic light is located at Washington and Grove streets, in West Roxbury.

It was voted at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on November 18, 1949, that this transfer be authorized.

It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the attached order, which was approved by the Law Department on November 2, 1949, be submitted to the Council for the purpose of effecting this transfer.

A similar request was forwarded to the Honorable James M. Curley on November 29, 1949, but no action was taken in the closing days of the previous administration, and, accordingly, it is therefore necessary to repeat the request at this time.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be. and hereby is, authorized and empowered:

(a) To transfer, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, without consideration, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the traffic signals at the intersection of Washington and Grove streets in the West Roxbury district of Boston; and

(b) To execute and deliver, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, such instruments, if any, as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate such transfer.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

"CHILDREN" SIGN AT O AND SEVENTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the placing of a sign "Children" at the intersection of O and Seventh streets in Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Further referring to Council order dated April 10, 1950, please be advised that a "Children" sign has been placed at the intersection of O and Seventh streets in Ward 6.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MINOT STREET AND NEPONSET AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, concerning the installation of pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Minot street and Neponset avenue in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
June 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 5, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Pedestrian Traffic Lights at the Junction of Minot Street and Neponset Avenue in Ward 16.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject Council order, please be advised that consideration will be given to this request when money is provided to this commission for the installation of traffic signals.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS, MASCOT AND DUMAS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the request for "Slow" signs at Mascot and Dumas streets, in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 5, 1950, Requesting that "Slow" Signs Be Placed at Mascot and Dumas Streets in Dorchester.

Dear Sir:

An investigation is being made of the above request, and the signs will be placed if it is found to be feasible.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT GIBSON AND ADAMS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Gibson and Adams streets in Ward 16, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 5, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Junction of Gibson and Adams Streets in Ward 16, Dorchester.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject Council order, this commission will give consideration to the installation requested when money is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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CARSON STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the making of a playground out of the existing playground on Carson street, Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 14, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 5, requesting that a playground be made out of the existing playground on Carson street, Ward 13.

This is an area not large enough for a playground. It is suitable only for a small children's play area or possibly for softball games of boys and girls up to twelve or thirteen years. The total area of the land is approximately 40,000 square feet (less than one acre) and is much too small for a large baseball diamond. A ball diamond requires four or five acres.

The area was taken under tax title by the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, and by a vote of the City Council of October 22, 1945, approved by the Mayor on October 23, 1945, it was transferred from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care, custody, and control of the Park Department. The area is adjacent to the Columbia Station of the rapid transit, immediately across the street from the Columbus Park Stadium and the Columbus Park area where we have several ball diamonds. The Park Department was not particularly in favor of taking this area for playground purposes, as we have sufficient playground facilities in the immediate vicinity, Columbus Park being one of the largest, if not the largest, playground in the entire city.

We have had this Carson Street area fenced in, our purpose in doing so being that it might be a play area for children too small to cross Columbia road or the Strandway. Our observations of this area show that it is being continually used by larger boys and men who should be playing on Columbus Park. The result is that the area, not being large enough to accommodate games played by the larger boys and men, this department is receiving complaints from persons living in the neighborhood that balls batted from the area are breaking windows in their homes and that many residents are afraid to use the front of their homes for this reason.

The Park Commissioners feel that this area should be confined to the small children for their games and that the larger boys and men should use Columbus Park.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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REPAIRS TO MISSION HILL PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the repairing of the playing surface of the Mission Hill Playground in Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 12, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 5, requesting the Park Commission to repair the playing surface of the Mission Hill Playground in Ward 10.

Repair work on this playground has already been started. The playing surface of the field has been repaired, the fence around the playground has been repaired, and where necessary we have placed new sections. We have had a general overhauling of the water system, the playground building has been painted, and, in general, we have done, and are intending to do, a real face-lifting job on this location.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

OPENING OF CONVENIENCE STATION, CASTLE ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of June 12, 1950, concerning the opening of the convenience station at Castle Island, repairing the benches, cutting the grass, and putting it in proper shape.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 12:

"Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately open the convenience station at Castle Island, to repair the benches, to cut the grass, and put it in proper shape."

The grass has been cut on Castle Island, the benches are being repaired, and the convenience station will be opened for the regular summer season.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FILLING IN OF MUDDY RIVER, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of June 12, 1950, concerning the conducting of an immediate survey of the Muddy River in Ward 10, with a view to filling in the river, which has been an eyesore and danger spot to the nearby residents for many years.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated June 12:

"Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct an immediate survey of the Muddy River in Ward 10, with a view to filling in the river, which has been an eyesore and danger spot to the nearby residents for many years."

I will have an immediate investigation made as to the possibility of filling in the Muddy River, as suggested by Councilor Tracey.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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SALE OF PIGS BY PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner, attached herewith requesting authority to sell one hundred (100) pigs at a price of approximately two thousand dollars ($2,000).

I am in favor of the sale of these surplus pigs to the highest bidder, and respectfully request approval of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Penal Institutions Department,
June 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir;

We have a surplus of one hundred (100) pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island, which we would like to sell. These pigs weigh about one hundred (100) pounds each, a total of ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

At the present market price this department should receive approximately two thousand dollars ($2,000) for this sale. If approved, it is our intention to advertise this sale in the City Record and sell to the highest bidder with a representative of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to supervise the weighing.

Authority by the City Council and your Honor's approval of this public sale is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD L. FRIEL,
Penal Institutions Commissioner.

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Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder one hundred (100) surplus pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR THOMAS E. LINEHAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Council Chamber, June 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that I have just been sworn in as Special Justice of the South Boston Municipal Court, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Boston City Council, representing Ward 7, to take effect immediately.

I only hope I enjoy my service on the bench as I enjoyed my close associations and friendships in the Boston City Council during my five terms of service.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the City Council, the City Clerk and his assistants, the City Messenger and his assistants, the Clerk of Committees and other attachés, as well as my extremely good friend, Secretary Billy O'Neil, who has been such an inspiration to me during all my years in the City Council.

Respectfully yours,
THOMAS E. LINEHAN.

Placed on file.

Councilor Hannon addressed the Council on the acceptance of Councilor Linehan's resignation.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee's named, viz.:

Claims.

Anthony F. Bryce, to be reimbursed for doctor's bills on account of backing up of sewage at 26 Lawn street, Roxbury.

Joseph F. Carroll, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

James V. Cicco, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

William Clubb, for compensation for damage to property at 26 Myrtlebank avenue.

Cleveland W. De Roche, for compensation for injuries received in line of duty at fire.

Mary Doherty, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 36 Carolina avenue, caused by leak in street.

Margaret T. Gavin, for compensation for damage to property at 63 Beechcroft street, during sidewalk installation.

Joseph L. Murphy, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Ruth O'Brien, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Vera street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Matthew J. O'Connor, for compensation for damage to property at 81 Beechcroft street, during reconstruction of street.

John J. Roddy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 244 Bunker Hill street.

Barbara M. Walsh, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 6 Toledo terrace, during installation of water meter.

A. B. Wright, for compensation for loss of money while patient at City Hospital.

Frank K. Zimmerman, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing, to be held at its hearing room on June 20, 1950, at 2.15 o'clock P.M., on curtailment of service of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company between Fall River and Boston. Notice was received from the Boston Consolidated Gas Company of hearing to be held at the hearing room of the Department of Public Utilities on June 20, 1950, at 9.30 A.M., on petition of Boston Consolidated Gas Company for approval of contract with Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates.

Severally placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Arborway Bowlaway, by James V Marcantonio, 1 Boynton street, Jamaica Plain (referred May 22), for license to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the license was granted under usual conditions.

PAYMENT TO ARTHUR GENUALDO.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Arthur Genualdo in compensation for injuries received as a result of being struck by fire apparatus, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Adopted under suspension of the rule.

SALARIES OF MATRONS AT HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR WOMEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Police Department, June 12, 1950.

Mr. Walter J. Malloy,
City Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with provisions of chapter 147, section 19, General Laws (Ter. Ed.), concurrent approval is requested of the Honorable City Council in establishment of annual basic salaries paid to certain employees of the House of Detention of this department, listed as follows, to be effective June 14, 1950:

Chief matron, from $2,850 to $2,950 a year.

Assistant chief matron, from $2,650 to $2,750 a year.

Assistant matron, from $2,550 to $2,650 a year.

Very truly yours,
T. F. SULLIVAN, Police Commissioner.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That in concurrence with the Police Commissioner the salaries of matrons at the House of Detention for Women be established as follows:

Chief matron at $2,950 a year, to take effect as of June 14, 1950.

Assistant chief matron at $2,750 a year, to take effect as of June 14, 1950.

Assistant matron at $2,650 a year, to take effect as of June 14, 1950.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SPECIAL ELECTION, WARD 7.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That meetings of the citizens of Ward 7 qualified to vote for city officers be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners on Tuesday, September 12, 1950, to give in their votes for one member of the City Council from said ward, to fill a vacancy.

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and closed at eight o'clock P.M.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice of said meetings according to law.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred June 12) of Alfred Lubin as constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1951 — recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Coffey. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 5) re lease of land in West Roxbury district to Abraham Chotilian — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for 14 days for final action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and Ordinance (referred April 24) concerning certain use of streets —recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The question then came on the passage of the ordinance. The ordinance was rejected.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred June 12) appropriating $150,000 for Reserve Fund—recommending reference of the order to the Executive Committee.

The report was accepted, and the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

MENLO STREET ONE WAY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Menlo street one way, from Sparhawk street to Henshaw street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JAMES P. GILLIS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Western avenue and Everett street in Ward 22, in honor of James P. Gillis of the United States Army Air Force, who was killed in the service of his country on July 13, 1942.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SKELETON FORCE STAFF ON JULY 3.

Coun. SHANLEY and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider having a skeleton force staff work on July 3 to allow a possible long week end for employees over the July 4th Independence holiday.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO JOHN GRANDE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Resolution, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Grande, father of Anthony Grande, who, on July 7, 1949, received injuries at the Eliot School Playground, as a result of which injuries the said Anthony Grande died on July 9, 1949, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Adopted under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF PLAYGROUND IN HONOR OF JOHN J. CHEEVER, JR.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the new playground at Washington street and Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 17, in honor of Pfc. John J. Cheever, Jr., of the Third Armored Infantry Division, United States Army, who was killed in action in Germany on September 15, 1944, and who was the first boy from the Codman Hill section to be killed in the war.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the water fountain and make other necessary improvements on the Father Buckley Playground, also to repair the benches and make other necessary improvements on Thomas park, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DEMONSTRATION OF VOTING MACHINES TO COUNCILORS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to notify the members of the Boston City Council of the next demonstration of voting machines so that the members of the Council may review both voting machines under discussion.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SURVEY OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, PARKER STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of the traffic conditions on Parker street, Ward 10, extending from Ward to Tremont streets. During the past month there have been many accidents involving children, causing serious injury to some of them. Parker street is a danger spot for the children of the Mission Hill project, and immediate safety measures should be installed for their protection.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON SMITH STREET, WARD 10.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect "Slow" signs on Smith street, Ward 10, near the Dwight School and the Mission Church Grammar School. Due to traffic conditions in the district this street is used as a speedway by motorists, and several accidents have been reported on that street in recent months.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REDUCTION OF SERVICES, U. S. POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolution, That the Boston City Council petition the Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to correct the deplorable reduction of services of the United States Postal Department in this area.

The false economy of curtailed mail deliveries to residential and business customers, as well as the resultant confusion of the public in general, has aroused the indignation of the people of Boston.

It is indeed a sad reflection on the reasoning power of the authorities responsible for this chaotic situation, to behold on one hand, billions of dollars being expended by our government for aid to foreign nations who have postal services far superior to our own, and to witness on this hand a reduction of postal services which returns us to the horse and buggy methods of the early eighteen hundreds (1800's).

Let us not allow this deplorable inconsistency of government, and all its resultant economic hardships to continue, without our vigorous protest.

Adopted under suspension of the rule.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE THOMAS E. LINEHAN.

Coun. HANNON and HURLEY offered the following:

Resolution, That the City Council, in meeting assembled, accept with regret the resignation of an outstanding member, Councilor Thomas E. Linehan, and congratulate him upon his appointment as Special Justice of the South Boston District Court.

Adopted under suspension of the rule.

TRIMMING TREES ADJACENT TO ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately trim all trees in Ward 16, adjacent to electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OBLITERATED STREET SIGNS, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately replace all street signs in Ward 16 that have become obliterated.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BARRING HEAVY TRUCKS FROM CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to bar heavy trucks from using Vermont, Keith, and Lasell streets, in Ward 20, as a through way from Providence to Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BAKER STREET BRIDGE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Whereas, In the opinion of this Council, public convenience requires the widening of Baker street, a public way, in West Roxbury, in the vicinity of Baker Street Railroad Bridge carrying the Dedham Branch of the Boston & Providence Railroad across said Baker street, it is necessary that said bridge be altered and structural changes and repairs made thereto; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to apply to the Department of Puhlic Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said department to take action in regard to such alterations, structural changes, and repairs in said Baker Street Bridge, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine and chapter one hundred and sixty of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and under any other appropriate statutory provisions.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey the Council voted to take a recess at 3.45 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.14 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) on transfer by City of Boston to Commonwealth of Massachusetts right, title, and interest in and to traffic signals at Washington and Grove streets—that same ought to pass.

2. Report on order (referred today) on establishment of salaries of matrons at House of Detention for Women—that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) on sale of pigs by Penal Institutions Department—that same ought to pass.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

REPLACING BLAKEMORE STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 19, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Public Works Commissioner, attached herewith, requesting the approval of the Department of Public Utilities for the removing and replacing with a new steel structure, the present Blakemore Street Highway Bridge in Roslindale, which crosses the right of way of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad due to the fact that the old bridge is in a weakened condition, and should be replaced.

I am in favor of the construction of this new steel structure, and respectfully request approval of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The present Blakemore Street Highway Bridge in Roslindale, which crosses the right of way of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is in a weakened condition and should be removed and replaced with a new steel structure.

It is our intention to have the necessary work of removal and reconstruction done during the current year, but it will be necessary to obtain the approval of the Department of Public Utilities before such work can start. As a prerequisite to D. P. U. approval, it is necessary for the City Council to pass an order authorizing the Corporation Counsel to file with the D. P. U. a petition under General Laws, chapters 159 and 160, providing for the alteration and repair of the bridge structure.

I submit herewith, therefore, for transmittal to the City Council, for approval of that Body, an order prepared by the Corporation Counsel, authorizing the submitting by the Corporation Counsel of a petition to the D. P. U. in connection with the removal of the present Blakemore Street Bridge and the substitution therefor of a modern, steel bridge structure.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereas, In the opinion of the Council it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that Blakemore Street Bridge, carrying Blakemore street, a public way, over and across the railroad of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, be altered and structural changes and repairs be made thereto: now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be instructed to apply to the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said department to take action in regard to such alterations, structural changes and repairs in said Blakemore Street Bridge, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine and chapter one hundred and sixty of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and under any other appropriate statutory provisions.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

VACATIONS TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor advise the heads of the various city departments that vacations may be granted to temporary employees in the same ratio as granted to permanent employees, at the discretion of the department head.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO STANLEY WOLLASTON.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That Stanley Wollaston, permanent stenographer-clerk attaché of the City Council, be granted a leave of absence from his duties as stenographer-clerk for a period of six months—July 1, 1950, to January 1, 1951.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAINTING OF CROSSWALKS AND "SLOW" SIGNS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commission to speed up the painting of crosswalks and "Slow" signs on the streets to insure safety of pedestrians.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.20 P.M., on motion of Councilor Wenzler, to meet on Monday, June 26, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.
(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 26, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Coffey, Kinsella, and P. A. Tracy.

APPROPRIATION OF $150,000 FOR RESERVE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

On June 12, I forwarded to your Honorable Body an order for the appropriation of $150,000 for the Reserve Fund, in order that this fund might contain sufficient resources to meet necessary and probable requirements to the end of the year.

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body give approval to this order at today's meeting in order that I might include this amount of money in the tax rate which will be declared this week.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CODE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is a self-explanatory communication received by me this day from the Building Commissioner. Also enclosed is an ordinance putting into effect the Building Commissioner's recommendation. In view of the situation to which the Building Commissioner calls attention, I recommend immediate adoption of the ordinance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Building Department, June 26, 1950.

To His Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston and the Honorable the City Council of Said City.
Gentlemen:

The Boston Building Code as presently in force allows advertising signs of combustible material not more than 20 square feet in area to be erected in the first and second fire zones flat against the exterior wall of a building. Projecting signs of like material are completely prohibited. As the spread of fire from a projecting sign is less likely than from a sign flat against a wall, the absolute prohibition of combustible projecting signs would seem to be unjustifiable.

Accordingly, acting under the power vested in me by Statutes 1938, chapter 479, section 105A, as inserted by Statutes 1939, chapter 217, section 1, I recommend that section 1201 of chapter 479 of the Acts of 1938 be amended by ordinance by striking out paragraph (c), as amended by section 138 of chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following:

(c) Structures of Division 2, erected on the roof or on the facade of a building in the first or second fire zone, shall be constructed with incombustible materials, except water tanks, flag poles, isolated signs flat against an exterior wall not more than 20 square feet in area, and isolated signs projecting from an exterior wall; provided, that such projecting signs have a frame of incombustible material, that the combustible material in such projecting signs is no more combustible than wood, that no part of such combustible material is nearer an exterior wall than 15 inches, and that the surface area of such combustible material is not more than 35 square feet on any face and not more than 70 square feet in the aggregate, except that the surface area of such combustible material, if the nearest point thereof is 18 or more inches from all exterior walls, may be more than 35 square feet on a face and more than 70 square feet in the aggregate if the building commissioner certifies on the application for the permit to erect such sign that in his opinion the spread of fire therefrom is no more likely than from a projecting sign having an incombustible frame and two wooden faces each 35 square feet in area the nearest point of which wood is 15 inches from the nearest exterior wall.

Respectfully,
HARRY J. KEEFE,
Building Commissioner.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Further Amending the Boston Building Code.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1201 of chapter 479 of the Acts of 1938 is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (c), as amended by section 138 of chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following:

(c) Structures of Division 2, erected on the roof or on the facade of a building in the first or second fire zone, shall be constructed with incombustible materials, except water tanks, flag poles, isolated signs flat against an exterior wall not more than 20 square feet in area, and isolated signs projecting from an exterior wall; provided, that such projecting signs have a frame of incombustible material, that the combustible material in such projecting signs is no more combustible than wood, that no part of such combustible material is nearer an exterior wall than 15 inches, and that the surface area of such combustible material is not more than 35 square feet on any face and not more than 70 square feet in the aggregate, except that the surface area of such combustible material, if the nearest point thereof is 18 or more inches from all exterior walls, may be more than 35 square feet on a face and more than 70 square feet in the aggregate if the building commissioner certifies on the application for the permit to erect such sign that in his opinion the spread of fire therefrom is no more likely than from a projecting sign having an incombustible frame and two wooden faces each 35 square feet in area the nearest point of which wood is 15 inches from the nearest exterior wall.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

NAMING INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith three orders for the naming of certain intersections in the city in honor of three veterans of World War II who were killed in action.

These orders are the result of requests made by members of your Honorable Body and the Committee to Memorialize Veterans after due

consideration, has recommended the naming of the sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In a small way, this indicates our appreciation of their sacrifices, and it perpetuates in fitting fashion their memories as heroic citizens of Boston. Accordingly, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to these orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
June 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted to designate the following intersections in honor of the following named veterans of World War II:

Blue Hill avenue and McLellan street, Dorchester district—Milton C. Kornetz Square.

Faneuil and Market streets, Brighton district—William MacDonald Square.

Norfolk and Stanton streets, Dorchester district—Kenneth J. McDonald Square.

Notice of the above vote has been forwarded to the City Council for action.

Respectfully,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Blue Hill avenue and McLellen street, Ward 14, be named Milton C. Kornetz Square, in honor of Milton C. Kornetz, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Faneuil and Market streets, Ward 22, be named William MacDonald Square, in honor of William MacDonald, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Norfolk and Stanton streets, Ward 17, be named Kenneth J. McDonald Square, in honor of Kenneth McDonald, late veteran of World War II.

The orders were severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROBE OF RECENT HAPPENINGS AT FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the making of a probe of the recent happenings in the Franklin Park area perpetrated by groups who came into that area for the purpose of creating unrest and causing malicious harm.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, June 20, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

I am returning herewith copy of order of the City Council, dated June 5, 1950, reading as follows:

"Requesting that a probe be made immediately of recent happenings in the Franklin Park area perpetrated by groups who came into that area for the purpose of creating unrest and causing malicious harm."

I am in receipt of a report from the commanding officer of that division advising that the incidents referred to in the order involved juveniles between the age of nine and sixteen years. Since April 3 of this year, eleven arrests were made. In addition, seven boys were taken into custody, but were not prosecuted because of desires of parents of victims.

The officers on foot, on motorcycle, in sector car and the plain-clothes men in automobiles are constantly on the watch for incidents of this nature, and every complaint is thoroughly investigated.

Very truly yours,
T. F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION AT CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan District Commissioner relative to your order of June 12, 1950, concerning the opening of the convenience station located at City Point for the many thousands of women and children that go to the beach.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
June 22, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

My dear Mr. Shannon:

The commission acknowledges receipt of your memorandum of June 14, 1950, with the accompanying copy of an order of your Honorable Council requesting the opening of the City Point Public Sanitary, the order being offered by Councilor Wenzler.

Our maintenance superintendent has reported to me that the sanitary was opened to the public on June 12, the day the honorable councilor offered his order, after some expensive and quite necessary repairs were finished.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NATIONAL FEDERAL WORKS PROJECTS IN BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the studying of the several National Federal Works Projects in Boston and New England for the purposes of easing the present unemployment situation that at present prevails.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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United States Senate,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
June 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Thank you for your letter enclosing a copy of the order sponsored by Councilor Julius Ansel and passed by the Boston City Council. I am very glad to have this order because it relates to the matter of public works projects in Boston and New England for the purpose of easing the present unemployment situation. This is a matter which interests me very much and I want to leave no stone unturned to be helpful. I shall take up the subject matter of this order with the proper Federal authorities at once.

Very sincerely yours,
HENRY CABOT LODGE, JR.,
United States Senator.

Placed on file.

ELIMINATION OF FIRE HAZARD, 12 AND 14 PORTER STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the elimination of a fire hazard in the building known and designated as 12 and 14 Porter street, Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, June 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Your Honor:

With reference to the order passed in City Council June 5, 1950, requesting that you confer with the Fire Commissioner and others in order that steps might be taken to eliminate the fire hazard in the building known and designated as 12 and 14 Porter street, Jamaica Plain, please be advised as follows:

On February 28, 1950, Chief John F. McDonough of this department sent a notice to George Giles & Son, 689 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, agents for the heirs of Samuel Tarplin, that the property was open to trespass and boys had been climbing through broken windows and had been smoking on the premises. Same was ordered boarded up at once.

On April 5, 1950, our attention was called to this fire hazard by City Councilor Philip A. Tracy.

On April 10, 1950, we received an inspection report signed by Lieut. Biaggi Germano of Engine Company 42 to the effect that the building was vacant and in an unsafe condition and constituted a serious fire hazard to this and the adjacent property. It was recommended that the attention of the Building Department be called to the condition immediately.

On April 12, 1950, we submitted the report of Lieutenant Germano to Mr. John J. Mahoney, Building Commissioner.

On April 26, 1950, we sent an order to George A. Giles & Son, 689 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, attention of E. Burbank Saul, directing that all combustible waste materials consisting of discarded furniture, cardboard cartons, waste papers, rags, empty beer cases, fruit baskets, burlap bagging be removed and properly disposed of from interior of building. FORTHWITH.

That all combustible waste material consisting of waste papers, broken cartons, dry brush growth, scrap wood, old mattresses be removed and properly disposed of from rear yard area.

That building be properly secured against trespass by unauthorized persons. FORTHWITH.

Subsequently, verbal and written complaints were received about the same condition. As the result of these, Lieut. Chief Inspector Francis W. Kelley consulted with Mr. Owens, Assistant Corporation Counsel, with reference to the demolition of the building and was advised that it would take from three to four weeks for a decree from the Land Court to convey property at the above location to the City of Boston. He advised that, in the meantime, all combustible waste material within the building could be moved to correct part of the condition.

On May 10, 1950, in a letter directed to Mr. George Hyland, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, by Deputy Chief Edward N. Montgomery, in charge of the Fire Prevention Division, we requested that the Public Works Department assign a truck and manpower to clean out the building to evade the hazardous condition now existing.

On May 11, 1950, Mr. Hyland replied that his department could not undertake work of the nature described for various reasons. He wrote that he would forward our communication to the Building Commissioner for whatever action the latter deemed advisable.

Deputy Chief Montgomery advised Councilor Tracy on May 12, 1950, that this department had gone as far as it could in the matter of correcting conditions at 12 and 14 Porter street, Jamaica Plain. Deputy Chief Montgomery supplied Councilor Tracy with photographs and copies of correspondence in the hope that he would pursue the effort to have the condition corrected.

Our Fire Prevention Bureau has determined that it is definitely a fire hazard, and we trust that everything will be done to remove it as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,
MICHAEL T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Building Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the taking of immediate steps to eliminate the fire hazard which exists in the building known and designated as 12 and 14 Porter street in Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Building Department, June 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In answer to the City Council order of June 5, 1950, concerning the building at 12 and 14 Porter street, Ward 11, I wish to say that this office has had some correspondence with Councilor Tracy on the subject.

There is a complaint on record against the premises and the building has been posted as required by law, since we have been unable to locate the owner. The property is not structurally unsafe within the meaning of the law (chapter 479, Acts of 1938, section 116d), consequently we have been unable to order its removal.

On June 15, 1950, a decree was signed in the Land Court and I have been informed that the city will take title within the week. I have also discussed the matter with Mr. Herman Carp and he has assured me that when the necessary papers have been processed he will at once make a survey to determine whether his department will repair or remove the building.

Very truly yours,
HARRY J. KEEFE,
Building Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

NAMING OF MONSIGNOR WILLIAM J. CASEY ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the changing of the name of Park road and the easterly roadway of the Arborway from 876 Centre street to 249 South street, Jamaica Plain, to Monsignor William J. Casey road.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 19, 1950.
Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 5, requesting the Park Commission to "change the name of Park road and the easterly roadway of the Arborway from 876 Centre street, to 249 South street, Jamaica Plain, to Monsignor William J. Casey road."

This area would not appear to be a proper one to name after Monsignor Casey. I believe the people of Jamaica Plain would be more interested in having some building or possibly some street adjacent to St. Thomas's Church named for him.

In the Park Department we have the Fenway, Riverway, Jamicaway, Arborway, and Strandway, and these various parkways are known only by these names. The Arborway starts at Prince and Pond streets and runs to Franklin Park. I think it would be very unwise to take a piece out of the middle of the Arborway, give it a new name and then have it known as the Arborway on either end with the center of the Arborway known by another name.

Experience shows that when a change is made of this character, it is never referred to under the new name, but is continued to be known by the name which has existed for many years. All of this area would be continued to be known as the Arborway.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND ON RIVER STREET, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the transfer of the vacant land on River street, Ward 18, to the Park Department for playground purposes to take care of the requirements of approximately 2,000 additional children who are now living in the housing development in that area.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Autbority,
June 20, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
My dear Mr. Mayor:

Steps are now being taken to transfer the custody and control of the vacant land at River street to the Park Department for a play area for the children.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPLACEMENT OF STREET SIGNS, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the immediate replacement of all street signs in Ward 16 that have become obliterated.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 22, 1950.
Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of June 19:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately replace all street signs in Ward 16 that bave become obliterated."

It is our intention not only to replace all obliterated street signs in Ward 16, but in all other wards, because the above-referenced condition is prevalent tbroughout the city.

Steps have already been taken to replace tbe obliterated signs and also street signs that are missing. Tbe entire condition, therefore, concerning street signs should be corrected before the end of the year.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS AT HADRACK ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of April 10, 1950, concerning the request for "No Parking" signs at Hadrack Israel Synagogue on Woodrow avenue in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 19, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated April 10, 1950, Requesting "No Parking" Signs at Hadrack Israel Synagogue on Woodrow Avenue in Ward 14.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on June 15, 1950, it was voted to prohibit parking in Woodrow avenue, north side, for a distance of one hundred and fifty feet east of Ashton street, in front of the synagogue.

Tbis prohibition will be effective beginning July 5, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WALDEN STREET, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the making of Walden street in Ward 10 a one-way street, from Centre street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
June 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 5, 1950, Requesting That a Study Be Made to Make Walden Street in Ward 10 a One-Way Street, from Centre Street.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on June 15, 1950, it was voted to make Walden street one way, from Centre street to Heath street.

This regulation will become effective on July 5, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be placed.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAINTING CROSSWALKS AND "SLOW" SIGNS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the speeding up of the painting of crosswalks and "Slow" signs on the streets to insure the safety of pedestrians.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 19, 1950, Directing This Commission to Speed Up the Painting of Crosswalks and "Slow" Signs on the Streets to Insure the Safety of Pedestrians.

Dear Sir:

Our program of painting crosswalks and "Slow" signs has been expedited at a faster pace than during any previous season despite the fact that at the beginning of the painting weather conditions seriously retarded the work.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON SMITH STREET, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning "Slow" signs being erected in Smith street, Ward 10, near the Dwight School and the Mission Church Grammar School.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 19, 1950, Requesting That "Slow" Signs Be Erected in Smith Street, Ward 10, Near the Dwight School and the Mission Church Grammar School.

Dear Sir:

A study will be made of the above request and whatever additional "Slow" signs are required will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SURVEY OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, PARKER STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the making of an immediate survey of the traffic conditions in Parker street, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 19, 1950, Requesting That an Immediate Survey Be Made of Traffic Conditions in Parker Street, Ward 10.

Dear Sir:

Our engineers are making a survey of the streets in the vicinity of the Mission Hill Housing Project to see if improvements can be made there. Already we have several "No Parking" regulations and various warning signs installed; but, in view of recent incidents we shall endeavor to go further in making this area as safe as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Gloria Clivio *et. al.*, for compensation for injuries caused by falling tree.

James M. Corcoran, for compensation for damage to property at 22 Myrtlebank avenue, caused by change of grade of street.

Michael DeCarlo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 4 Stoddard street.

Mrs. Henry Jones, for compensation for damage to property at 115 Blake street, during sidewalk construction.

James H. Kelly, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Ethel Kruger, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 488 Blue Hill avenue.

Esther G. Lynch, for compensation for damage to property at 30 King street, Dorchester, caused by roots of tree.

Clarence Lofgren, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Frances Katherine McGrath, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 482 Brookline avenue.

Margaret J. McSharry, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Summer street.

Della A. Powers *et al.*, for compensation for damage to property at 11 St. Brendan road, caused by change of grade of street.

Ernest M. Reid, to he reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

V. Vasiliadis, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.

John F. Watson, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 50 Dunster road, caused by water being shut off.

Vera T. Maginnis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Court, Cornhill, and Cambridge streets.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Samuel J. Adelman, Edward A. Hanson, Alfred Lubin, and William H. Lynch having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Copy of order was received from the State Department of Public Utilities granting approval to Metropolitan Transit Authority for operation of trackless trolleys on certain streets in Boston and Somerville.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO PRESS FROM JUDGE THOMAS E. LINEHAN.

The following was received:

Linehan & Owens,
June 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am sorry that due to an oversight I failed to thank the press in my letter of resignation, presented at last Monday's meeting of the City Council, for their kindness and fairness in reporting my activities in regard to veterans' housing and other matters in which I was deeply interested.

I fully realize that without the publicity given by the press, many of the projects which I sponsored would not have been successful.

My relations with the press have been very friendly all through the years and I shall always remember these pleasant associations.

Respectfully yours,
THOMAS E. LINEHAN.

Placed on file.

JURY LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Election Commissioners stating that the list of persons qualified to serve as jurors (Document No. 44, 1950), prepared by the Election Commissioners and filed with the City Clerk on June 26, contains 8,997 names.

City of Boston,
City Clerk Department, June 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the list of inhabitants qualified to serve as jurors, prepared by the Election Commissioners, and printed in City Document No. 44, was filed with me on June 26, 1950. It contains 8,997 names.

Respectfully,
W. J. MALLOY,
City Clerk.

Severally placed on file.

In connection with the above communications, Councilor Hurley offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to cause the names of the Jury List (City Document Number 44), when transmitted to him by the Election Commissioners, to be written each on a separate ballot, and said ballots to be properly folded, and placed in the box provided for the purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PENSION TO DOROTHY C. FOLEY.

Coun. HURLEY submitted the following:

Ordered, That there be, and hereby is, approved the petition for the enactment of a statute providing as follows:

"The City of Boston, acting through its school committee, is hereby authorized to retire Dorothy C. Foley, a teacher in its school system, at an annual pension equal to two thirds of the annual rate of her compensation on the date of her last actual service in said school system; provided, however, that the authority herein granted shall not be exercised until a majority of a medical panel consisting of three registered physicians, one designated by the state commissioner of public health, one by the school committee of said city, and one by said Dorothy C. Foley, shall, after examining said Dorothy C. Foley and reviewing all the pertinent facts in her case, certify to said school committee: (*a*) that said Dorothy C. Foley is totally incapacitated for duty as a teacher in said school system, (*b*) that such incapacity is likely to be permanent, and (*c*) that such incapacity is the result of a personal injury or injuries sustained by her at some definite place or places and at some definite time or times while in the performance of her duties as a teacher in said school system without serious and wilful misconduct on her part. Such pension shall become effective upon the exercise of the authority herein granted, shall be payable in monthly installments, and, together with the expense of the medical examination, shall be paid from any available school appropriation."

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIRS TO DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ARMY BASE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make immediate repairs to the drinking fountain at the Army Base on Summer street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGN, WEST SEVENTH AND D STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs on West Seventh street, at the intersection of D street, Ward 6, where three children have already been injured.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHTS ON FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install two arc lights on the Father Buckley Playground in Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MORE AMBULANCE SERVICE AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees at the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to utilize more than one ambulance from the hours of 12 midnight to 7 A.M. Many instances have occurred where a second ambulance and even a third ambulance could have been used during these hours due to the number of emergency accidents that occur in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WAYNE STREET, ONE WAY.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Wayne street in Ward 10, one way, from Maple street to Blue Hill avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT SEWALL STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Sewall street in Ward 16, as a public way, which request was originally made on October 21, 1949.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAND FOR PLAYGROUND IN ST. BRENDAN HILL SECTION, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct a survey of the St. Brendan Hill section in Ward 16 to determine what land is available in order that a playground for younger children might be established in this thickly-settled district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred May 8) on reorganization of Health Department—recommending reference of the ordinance to the Executive Committee.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Wenzler the Council voted to take a recess at 2.28 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HURLEY at 3.21 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred June 19) for appropriation of $150,000 for Reserve Fund—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan to recommit the order to the Executive Committee, the motion was lost.

The order was passed, yeas 16, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—Councilor Sullivan—1.

2. Report on message of the Mayor (referred today) re appropriation of $150,000 for Reserve Fund—that same be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the message was placed on file.

3. Report on the message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred today) on reorganization of Health Department—recommending passage of the ordinance in the following new draft:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning the Organization of the Health Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: The health commissioner may appoint, subject to the approval of the mayor, an assistant health commissioner, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties and shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. The assistant health commissioner shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the health commissioner.

SECT. 2. Said chapter 17 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 2. There shall be in the health department the following sections: section of general services, section of medical services, section of environmental sanitation, and section of local health service. Each section shall be in charge of a director, who shall be appointed by the health commissioner. The health commissioner may, from time to time, determine the divisions, if any, within each of said sections, and shall appoint the heads of such divisions. In appointing the director of a section or the head of a division, the health commissioner shall certify that in his opinion the person appointed is an expert in the work which will devolve upon him, that he is a person specially fitted by education, training, or experience to perform the duties of the position, and that the appointment is made solely in the interest of the city, such certificate to be filed with the city clerk and to be open to public inspection.

SECT. 3. All employees of the divisions of the health department abolished by this ordinance who are subject to civil service shall, without civil service examination or registration, be reappointed to similar positions wth similar status and like compensation in a division established by the health commissioner under this ordinance; and all such employees shall, upon such reappointment, retain all rights to retirement with pension that have accrued or would hereafter accrue to them; and the service of all such employees shall be deemed to have been continuous, to the same extent as if such abolition had not taken place. This ordinance shall take effect on July 5, 1950.

The report of the committee was accepted. On motion of Councilor Cook the ordinance as submitted by the Mayor was rejected. The new draft of the ordinance as submitted by the Executive Committee was rejected, yeas 8, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Cook, Hurley, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Yerxa—8.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Wenzler—9.

Later in the session Councilor Ramsey moved reconsideration of the vote on the new draft of the ordinance as submitted by the Executive Committee and the motion to reconsider prevailed, yeas 13, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Farin, Hurley, Lane, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Yerxa—13.

Nays—Councilors Hannon, Lanigan, Wenzler—3.

The new draft of the ordinance as submitted by the Executive Committee was passed.

ADVERTISING ON ARCHITECTS' BIDS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all department heads, where public bids are required and an architect is engaged, to first advertise for bids from the architect.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Later in the session Councilor Sullivan moved to reconsider the foregoing order. The motion to reconsider was carried. On further motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was laid on the table for one week.

PURCHASE OF SHOUP VOTING MACHINES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby records itself as favoring the purchase of the Shoup type voting machine; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Election Commissioners.

Councilor Cook moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Councilor Sullivan moved to amend Councilor Cook's motion to lay the resolution on the table for one week. The motion to amend was lost, yeas 7, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Hurley, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—7.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Yerxa—9.

The question then came on Councilor Cook's motion that the resolution be laid on the table, and the motion was carried.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell, it was voted that when the Council adjourned, it would be to meet again on Monday, July 10, 1950, at 2 o'clock P.M.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Law Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately draw up an ordinance concerning Civilian Defense in the City of Boston to the extent permitted by legislation now in the process of enactment before the Great and General Court of Massachusetts and this order be drawn without delay so that the City of Boston will be adequately prepared to meet any further emergencies.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Henry A. Foster (referred June 12) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor ambulance belonging to the Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) be allowed and paid to Henry A. Foster in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor ambulance belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Robert D. Griffin (referred June 12) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700) be allowed and paid to Robert D. Griffin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of George J. Stewart (referred June 2) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred twenty-one dollars ($121) be allowed and paid to George J. Stewart in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Thomas P. Flaherty (referred June 12) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Water Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred forty-six dollars and eighty-six cents ($246.86) be allowed and paid to Thomas P. Flaherty in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Water Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Matthew J. Moylan (referred June 5) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Sewer Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of sixty dollars ($60) be allowed and paid to Matthew J. Moylan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Sewer Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Mark S. Griffin (referred June 5) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a patrol wagon belonging to the Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred seventy-six dollars ($276) be allowed and paid to Mark S. Griffin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a patrol wagon belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Frank K. Zimmerman (referred June 19) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be allowed and paid to Frank K. Zimmerman in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

CHANGE OF SITE FOR EXAMINATION FOR DRIVERS' LICENSES.

Coun. SHANLEY submitted the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commission to consult with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles relative to finding a different site in Brighton for the examination for drivers' licenses.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. WENZLER in the chair.

ROPING OFF PLAYGROUNDS, JULY 3 AND 4.

Coun. McCORMACK submitted the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off the Healy Playground and the playground at Green and Lamartine streets, Ward 19, on the night of July 3, for outdoor movies; also to rope off the Healy Playground on the morning of July 4 for athletic games and races; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Sunnyside avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PURCHASE OF VOTING MACHINES.

Coun. RAMSEY submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby request his Honor the Mayor to delay the purchase of voting machines at this time, as there is still the problem of where they shall place them in each respective ward.

The resolution was rejected.

Adjourned at 5.05 P.M., on motion of Councilor Bryan, to meet on Monday, July 10, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 10, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Coffey, and Lanigan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Beades presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Five grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear August 7, 1950:

Henry J. Doherty, Ward 1; William J. Driscoll, Ward 8; Hyman Kaplan, Ward 14; John V. Ballou, Ward 19; Haskell C. Williams, Ward 21.

Fifty-three traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear August 7, 1950:

Walter Ferranti, Ward 1; Joseph Miglionico, Ward 1; Daniel J. Murphy, Ward 2; William P. Woods, Ward 2; Joseph LaRocca, Ward 3; Michelangelo D. Troisi, Ward 3; Arthur R. York, Ward 3; John J. Cronin, Ward 7; Harold L. Karle, Ward 7; George McCallum, Ward 7; John L. White, Ward 7; Joseph Jordan, Ward 8; Coy Nicholson, Ward 9; Henry J. Jenkins, Ward 10; Charles J. Murphy, Ward 10; John Norton, Ward 10; John J. Sullivan, Ward 11; Thomas W. Gately, Ward 12; Charles F. McMahon, Ward 12; John W. Spears, Ward 12; Charles C. Underwood, Ward 12; Richard MacPhee, Ward 13; John E. Murphy, Ward 13; Hyman Berman, Ward 14; Charles Dana, Ward 14; Isadore Miller, Ward 14; Edward Weinstein, Ward 14; Arthur J. Elliott, Ward 15; Vincent G. McGovern, Ward 15; Leo M. Gaul, Ward 16; John R. Heaphy, Ward 16; William P. Igo, Jr., Ward 16; Vincent J. Lawton, Ward 16; Frank S. Meader, Ward 16; Daniel Silva, Ward 16; Ralph W. Burhoe, Ward 17; Rudolph Forte, Ward 17; Louis Kurland, Ward 17; Maurice Mintz, Ward 17; Samuel Bennett, Ward 18; Arthur D. Orrall, Ward 18; Forest C. Sprague, Ward 18; John J. Visnor, Ward 18; Eric G. Anderson, Ward 20; Henry F. Meyer, Jr., Ward 20; James J. McCarthy, Ward 20; Emil O. Schroeder, Ward 20; Theodore H. Bell, Ward 21; Eugene A. Fraser, Jr., Ward 21; Moses Greenfield, Ward 21; Clifford Oland Bowen, Ward 22; James L. Grenham, Ward 22; Thomas L. Sweeney, Ward 22.

Coun. BEADES in the Chair.

LAND ON CANAL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

This is written to withdraw the order submitted by me to your Honorable Body on March 20, 1950, for the sale of the estate at 53-85 Canal street, Boston. While that order, when submitted, was in conformity with then existing statutes, it does not conform with chapter 318 of the Acts of 1950, which was approved by His Excellency the Governor on April 10, 1950, and is now in effect.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

NATIONAL FEDERAL WORKS PROJECTS IN BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a further communication from United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., together with a communication from the Assistant to the President, John R. Steelman, relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the advisability of studying several National Federal Works Projects in Boston and New England for the purpose of easing the present unemployment situation that at present prevails.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

United States Senate,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
July 5, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

Referring again to your letter of June 12, I enclose a response which I have received from the Assistant to the President which refers to the legislation which I sponsored and which is now law for a full survey of New England rivers with regard to power and other potentialities.

With kind regards,
Very sincerely yours,
HENRY CABOT LODGE, JR.,
United States Senator.

The White House,
Washington, June 29, 1950.

The Assistant to the President.
Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1950, transmitting the resolution of the Boston City Council.

The Federal Government is not now contemplating any national Federal works projects for the relief of unemployment. As you know, economic activity nationally at present is at a very high level.

However, the Council of Economic Advisers has asked a panel of experts for their views on the development of the New England economy. In addition, in accordance with the provisions of section 205, Public Law 516, 81st Congress, an interagency group has been established to study power and water development in the New England and New York area. Finally, all possible assistance to spot areas of high unemployment will be continued. I am confident that as a result of these combined efforts means will be found of meeting the problems to which the Boston City Council has addressed itself.

Sincerely,
JOHN R. STEELMAN.

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.,
United States Senate,
Washington 25, D. C.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JAMES F. GILLIS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Western avenue and Everett street, in Ward 22, be named in honor of James F. Gillis.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
June 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of June 21, enclosing copy of Council order introduced by Councilor Shanley, requesting the naming of the square at the intersection of Western avenue and Everett street, in Ward 22, be named in honor of James F. Gillis, would advise that the next meeting of this committee will be held some time in October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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CHECK OF GRADINGS BY ALLIED ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the aspects of the works at the Baker Street development in West Roxbury.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
June 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order of May 8, 1950, Concerning the Baker Street Development.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

Under date of May 8, 1950, the City Council inquired through you concerning certain aspects of the work at the Baker Street development in West Roxbury.

The Authority asked the contractor for a statement concerning the order. For your information and that of the City Council there is sent you herewith a copy of this statement.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

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Allied Engineering Corporation,
71 Proctor Street, Roxbury, Mass.
May 22, 1950.

Boston Housing Authority, 230 Congress Street, Boston, Mass.
Attention: Mr. Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.
Subject: City Council Order of May 8, 1950, *re* Baker Street Housing Project.
Gentlemen:

In reply to your request of the order of the Boston City Council asking that grades be checked in the Baker Street Housing Project, West Roxbury, Mass., the following are the facts:

The Allied Engineering Corporation used grades given them by the Boston Housing Authority and as set forth on the drawings of John M. Gray Company, John M. Gray Company drawing of July 27, 1947, and signed by John M. Gray, Jr., drawing No. B-1. Mr. Gray's concern received the grades as set forth by the Street Department of the City of Boston for the streets to be built in that area and planned the setting of his houses accordingly, as is the only proper thing to do in any locality.

It is unfortunate for the people who bought or built houses in that area previous to the construction of the streets or the erection of the new Boston Housing Authority homes, that the builder of the older homes did not have the foresight or care enough to ascertain from City Hall the grades of the streets that would be eventually constructed there.

This is an old, old discussion between Councilor Bryan of this district and our company. We have discussed it with him on many occasions and also with the residents whose properties are involved, but let us state again emphatically that we constructed these houses and placed the fill and loam as set forth in the contract and specifications given us by the Boston Housing Authority.

Most of these older home owners drain their land into the center of this previously vacant area and it is common knowledge that this was a small swampy area, in fact many of the children of this area formerly used it in the wintertime for skating. There is only one solution as seen by our engineers and that is that somebody bring in enough fill and loam to bring these older houses up to the proper grade. It will cost a sizable sum of money, to be borne either by the individual home owners or the City of Boston. We know of no way that this money can be forthcoming for somebody's negligence or mistakes of years gone by. It is obvious that some of these owners know that their land is not near grade as they have as much as 8 or 9 feet of foundation showing above the land.

The Boston Housing Authority, after Mr. Bryan and the neighbors out there made a great number of extensive complaints, called in the Stewart Associates in order to try and help some of these people. The Stewart Associates made an examination and drew some plans, dated 6-28-48, which the Boston Housing Authority approved and a gutter was installed between Paragon Street and George Street and tied in to an existing storm drain running through the land.

When you consider that the engineers of the Street Department of the City of Boston, the architects and engineers of the John M. Gray Company, the engineers of the Stewart Associates, the engineers and inspectors of the Boston Housing Authority, and the engineers and architects of the Allied Engineering Corporation all agree on what is wrong and all the records of these organizations are ready and available to prove the contentions that are set forth in this letter, it seems that somebody does not want to understand the actual trouble.

The remedy is simple but costly. We are sorry that we cannot be charitable enough to do the work for nothing, but we have already spent several thousand dollars out of our own pockets beyond the contract price to help some of these unfortunate people. If the Boston Housing Authority, Councilor Bryan, or the City of Boston want this company to draw plans and give an estimate on how much it will cost to correct the situation that now exists, we will be glad to do so for a nominal and reasonable fee.

Very truly yours,
ALLIED ENGINEERING CORPORATION,
RICHARD J. SINNOTT,
Secretary of the Corporation.

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ACCEPT AND LAY OUT SEWALL STREET, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the accepting and laying out of Sewall street, in Ward 16, as a public way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
June 30, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated June 26, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Sewall street, in Ward 16, as a public way, which request was originally made on October 31, 1949."

The Boston Housing Authority has under consideration as a housing project site an area of land situated on the southerly side of said Sewall street.

Experience has proven that the laying out and construction of streets adjacent to any newly developed area should follow such development rather than precede it.

Therefore, this Board has deferred consideration of Sewall street until the Housing Authority's final plans are known.

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

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ADDITIONAL FIRE ALARM BOX, MINOT STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the installation of a fire alarm box at Minot street, between Hallet street and Neponset avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, June 28, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Your Honor:

With reference to the order passed in City Council on May 8, 1950, requesting the installation of a fire alarm box at Minot street, between Hallet street and Neponset avenue, we wish to advise you that this box is now in the process of being installed. It will be Box 3473, Minot and Hallet streets.

This box will be put into service as soon as a box section now on order is received.

Respectfully yours,
M. T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST THIRD STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the repairing of the benches and the water fountain on West Third Street Playground, between D and E streets, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 26, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 19, 1950, requesting that the benches be repaired and the water fountain be fixed on the West Third Street Playground, between D and E streets, South Boston.

I am making arrangements with the Deputy Commissioner to have these benches immediately repaired.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LAND FOR PLAYGROUND IN ST. BRENDAN HILL SECTION, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the conducting of a survey of the St. Brendan Hill section in Ward 16 to determine what land is available in order that a playground for younger children might be established in this thickly settled district.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

—

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 30, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated June 26:

"Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct a survey of the St. Brendan Hill section in Ward 16 to determine what land is available in order that a playground for younger children might be established in this thickly settled district."

I will have an investigation made of this section by the Chief Engineer to see if there is any land available for a playground.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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REPAIR OF FENCE ABUTTING TRACKS, SAVIN HILL AVENUE, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the making of proper repairs to the fence abutting the tracks on Savin Hill avenue, Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 3, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Commissioner make or have made proper repairs to the fence abutting the tracks on Savin Hill avenue, Ward 13, and this will advise you that repairs, consisting of replacing broken pickets and fence, were completed by the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad under date of June 27, 1950.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS IN WARD 10 AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, relative to "Slow" signs in the Ward 10 area.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to Council order dated June 19, requesting that an immediate survey be made of traffic conditions in Ward 10, I wish to report that this survey was made and that 20 "Slow" signs have been painted in this area in an effort to reduce the number of automobile and pedestrian accidents in this area.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON SMITH STREET, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning "Slow" signs in Smith street, Ward 10, near the Dwight School and the Mission Church Grammar School.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order of June 19, requesting "Slow" signs in Smith street, Ward 10, near the Dwight School and the Mission Church Grammar School, I wish to report that this has been done by the location of eight "Slow" signs in the roadway.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MENLO STREET ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning Menlo street being made one way, from Sparhawk street to Henshaw street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
June 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated June 19, 1950, Requesting that Menlo Street Be Made One Way, from Sparhawk Street to Henshaw Street.
Dear Sir:

Our engineers report that if Menlo street was made one way, from Sparhawk street to Henshaw street, a driver heading for Menlo street, from Cambridge street by way of Henshaw street, would be forced back through Wirt street to Cambridge street to Sparhawk street in order to finally get into Menlo street. This is because Henshaw street is one way, from Market street to Wirt street.

If the order called for the making of Menlo street one way, from Henshaw street to Sparhawk street, we believe that such a regulation would be effective because it would fit in a one-way pattern that might be set up running between Sparhawk and Henshaw streets.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BAKER STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is a communication received this day from the Corporation Counsel relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the railroad bridge on Baker street, West Roxbury. I agree fully with your Honorable Body that the widening of Baker street at the site of the railroad bridge is a much needed highway improvement. I have therefore instructed the Corporation Counsel, the Board of Street Commissioners, and all other officials involved to make every effort to expedite this project.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, July 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

On June 21, 1950, your Honor transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council two days earlier:

"Whereas, In the opinion of this Council, public convenience requires the widening of Baker street, a public way, in West Roxbury, in the vicinity of the Baker Street Railroad Bridge, carrying the Dedham Branch of the Boston & Providence Railroad across said Baker street, it is necessary that said bridge be altered and structural changes and repairs made thereto; now, therefore, it is hereby

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to apply to the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said department to take action in regard to such alterations, structural changes and repairs in said Baker Street Bridge, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine and chapter one hundred and sixty of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and under any other appropriate statutory provisions."

The Law Department has been in consultation with the Board of Street Commissioners for some months with respect to the bridge mentioned in the above-quoted order. Before Baker street can be widened, however, at the location of said bridge, land must be taken by eminent domain from the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation. The taking is, at the present time, complicated by reason of the fact that the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation is in receivership and its property subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court. As soon as these legal entanglements have been straightened out and the necessary plans prepared, all needful documents and petitions will be executed and filed.

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

EXTENSION OF FEDERAL RENT CONTROL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as most recently amended by the Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1950, provides that the provisions of Title II thereof relating to maximum rents will cease to be effective at the close of December 31, 1950, with certain exceptions. So far as the City of Boston is concerned, the pertinent exception is that the provisions of said Title II shall continue in effect to the close of June 30, 1951, "in any incorporated city, town, or village which, at a time when maximum rents under this title are in effect therein, and prior to December 31, 1950, declares (by resolution of its governing body adopted for that purpose, or by popular referendum, in accordance with local law) that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of rent control in such city, town, or village."

Transmitted herewith is the draft of an order making such a declaration. In view of the acute housing shortage still existing in this city, I recommend its immediate adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Whereas, The Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as most recently amended by the Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1950, provides, in part, that the provisions of Title II thereof concerning maximum rents, except section 204 (a), shall cease to be in effect at the close of December 31, 1950, except that they shall cease to be in effect at the close of June 30, 1951, "in any incorporated city, town, or village which, at a time when maximum rents under this title are in effect therein, and prior to December 31, 1950, declares (by resolution of its governing body adopted for that purpose, or by popular referendum, in accordance with local law) that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of rent control in such city, town, or village"; and

Whereas, Maximum rents under said Title II are now in effect in the City of Boston, Massachusetts; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That, for the purpose of continuing in effect in said City of Boston to the close of June 30, 1951, the provisions of Title II of the Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, it be, and hereby is, declared that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of rent control in said City of Boston; and

Ordered, That the City Clerk of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the Housing Expediter in writing of this order forthwith after it has been approved by his Honor the Mayor.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM GEORGE F. PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $31,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $31,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $31,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $31,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars ($31,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $31,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

SALE OF LAND TO W. F. SCHRAFFT & SONS AND EASEMENT IN LAND TO BOSTON EDISON COMPANY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 10, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under a consent granted December 30, 1949, by the then Mayor, the State Department of Public Works is building in behalf of the City of Boston a $6,000,000 highway project at Sullivan square, Charlestown, under General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 81, s. 29A, as inserted by St. 1943, c. 416. The construction of this project will interfere substantially with the use of an easement acquired in 1942 by the Boston Edison Company to construct and maintain an underground tunnel through a part of the John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground. The project also involves the taking in fee of 19,397 square feet from the estate of W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation as well as changing the grade of the street in front of its plant with the result that there is inadequate

space on its remaining estate for a suitable driveway from its building to the new street level.

To mitigate the damages for which the Commonwealth would otherwise be liable to Schrafft and Edison, the State Department of Public Works has asked the city to cooperate by conveying to Schrafft a small portion of the John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground no longer required for public purposes and by granting to Edison in another part of that playground an easement for an underground tunnel which will in no way hamper the use of the surface for playground purposes. Transmitted herewith are two orders—one authorizing the conveyance in fee simple to Schrafft's of 9,505 square feet, and the other authorizing the grant of an easement to Edison in two parcels aggregating 39,216 square feet. Also enclosed are communications from the Board of Park Commissioners notifying your Honorable Body of that Board's determination that the lands involved, to the extent of the estates stated, are no longer required for public purposes.

Much consideration has been given to the price to be paid. Since under the statute under which the project is being built title to the project vests in the city, the State Deparment of Public Works has felt that the consideration should be nominal only. Obviously the situation is one where the city ought not to endeavor to reap a profit; but, since it is the Commonwealth, and not the city, which is liable for the damages, there is a serious legal question whether a mere nominal consideration would not technically result in a gift of public property to private corporations. The John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground is valued by the assessors at approximately 60 cents a square foot. Easements for subsurface facilities are commonly appraised at one quarter of the value of the land. Thus it would seem that a fair value for the 39,216-square foot easement to be granted to Edison would be 15 cents a square foot or $6,000. The land to be subjected to the easement, like the playground itself, includes an area of flats which is reflected in the over-all valuation. No flats are involved in the parcel proposed to be conveyed to Schrafft's. In 1928, to straighten out a boundary line, the city deeded to Schrafft's at 70 cents a square foot 2,367 square feet of land very close to the 9,505 square feet now proposed to be conveyed. There is no evidence that land in the neighborhood involved is worth materially more today than in 1928. Hence, it would appear that a reasonable price for the 9,505 square feet now proposed to be conveyed to Schrafft's would be 70 cents a square foot or $6,653.50.

At a recent conference, the State Department of Public Works has made it plain to me that unless the city acts speedily, either the highway project, which already is well under way, will have to be interrupted, or there will be a disruption of Edison's electric service and Schrafft's plant operations. Accordingly, I recommend the immediate adoption by your Honorable Body of the two orders transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 6, 1950.

To the Honorable the City Council.
Gentlemen:

As authorized and directed by vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, a certified copy of which vote is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, I hereby notify you on behalf of said Board that in the opinion of the said Board the two parcels of land described in said vote, to the extent of the rights and easements described in said vote, are no longer required for public purposes and that said Board recommends the grant of said rights and easements in said two parcels of land to the Boston Edison Company for $6,000.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, all members being present, held at the Park Department office, 33 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, July 5, 1950, the following vote was unanimously adopted:

Voted, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of this Board that the two parcels of land hereinafter described, to the extent of a right and easement therein to construct, reconstruct, add to, repair, renew, maintain and operate, in the subsurface soil, an underground tunnel, duct lines, manholes, pipe lines, and underground materials, appliances and apparatus and of a right and easement to enter upon said parcels of land for the purpose of enjoying the aforesaid right and easement, are no longer required for public purposes, to wit, the two portions of the John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground shown on plan entitled "City of Boston, Alford Street, Charlestown, June 30, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," and bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL 1.

Westerly by the easterly location line of section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, page 411, sixty (60.00) feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), twenty-two and 42-100 (22.42) feet; westerly again by said easterly location line, thirty-five (35.00) feet; southerly by said easterly location line, nineteen and 60-100 (19.60) feet; westerly again by said easterly location line, by two measurements, seven hundred eighty-two and 71-100 (782.71) feet and, on a curve with a radius of six hundred fifty-nine and 32-100 (659.32) feet, thirteen and 25-100 (13.25) feet; northwesterly by the land described as Parcel 1 in the deed from the City of Boston to the Boston Edison Company dated May 6, 1942 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5896, page 541, two hundred eight and 1-100 (208.01) feet; northeasterly by Parcel 2 hereinafter described, thirty (30.00) feet; southeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan. Jr., Playground), one hundred ninety-nine and 97-100 (199.97) feet; easterly by said land of the City of Boston, six hundred eighty-seven and 6-100 (687.06) feet; northeasterly by said land of the City of Boston, one hundred and six (106.00) feet; easterly again by said land of the City of Boston, sixty (60.00) feet; and southeasterly by land now or formerly of the City of Boston, sixty-six and 45-100 (66.45) feet; containing thirty-four thousand seventy-one (34,071) square feet, more or less.

PARCEL 2.

Northwesterly by the land described as Parcel 3 in the deed from the City of Boston to the Boston Edison Company dated May 6, 1942, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5986, page 541, one hundred and seventy (170.00) feet; northeasterly by the southwesterly extreme low water line of the Mystic River, thirty and 15-100 (30.15) feet, more or less; southeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), one hundred seventy-three (173.00) feet, and southwesterly by Parcel 1 hereinbefore described, thirty (30.00) feet, being a parcel of flats containing fifty-one hundred and forty-five (5,145) square feet, more or less; and further

Voted, That the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said two parcels of land, to the extent of the rights and easements above described, are no longer required for

public purposes and that the Board recommends the grant of said rights and easements in said two parcels of land to the Boston Edison Company for $6,000.

True Copy Attest:

ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 6, 1950.

To the Honorable the City Council.
Gentlemen:

As authorized and directed by vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, a certified copy of which vote is annexed hereto and made a part thereof, I hereby notify you on behalf of said Board that in the opinion of the said Board the land described in said vote is no longer required for public purposes, and that said Board recommends the sale of said land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation for $6,653.50.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, all members being present, held at the Park Department office, 33 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, July 5, 1950, the following vote was unanimously adopted:

Voted, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of this Board that the land hereinafter described is no longer required for public purposes, to wit, that portion of the John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground shown on plan entitled "City of Boston, Alford Street, Main Street, Charlestown, June 30, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the easterly location line of section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, page 411, by two measurements, twenty-two and 32-100 (22.32) feet and thirteen and 77-100 (13.77) feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), three hundred sixty-six and 10-100 (366.10) feet; northeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), twenty-five and 00-100 (25.00) feet; and southeasterly by land now or formerly of W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation, three hundred ninety-two and 00-100 (392.00) feet, containing ninety-five hundred and five (9,505) square feet, more or less; and further

Voted, That the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said land is no longer required for public purposes and that the Board recommends the sale of said land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation for $6,653.50.

True Copy Attest:

ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners, which is in charge of the two parcels of land hereinafter described, which were taken by eminent domain under an order of the Board of Park Commissioners dated May 8, 1891, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1999, page 633, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Board said two parcels of land, to the extent of a right and easement therein to construct, reconstruct, add to, repair, renew, maintain and operate, in the subsurface soil, an underground tunnel, duct lines, manholes, pipe lines, and underground materials, appliances and apparatus and of a right and easement to enter upon said parcels of land for the purpose of enjoying the aforesaid right and easement, are no longer required for public purposes; now therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to grant to the Boston Edison Company, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of six thousand (6,000) dollars, a right and easement in the two parcels of land hereinafter described to construct, reconstruct, add to, repair, renew, maintain and operate, in the subsurface soil, an underground tunnel, duct lines, manholes, pipe lines, and underground materials, appliances and apparatus and of a right and easement to enter upon said parcels of land for the purpose of enjoying the aforesaid right and easement. Said two parcels of land are the two parcels of land shown on plan entitled "City of Boston, Alford Street, Charlestown, June 30, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," and bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL 1.

Westerly by the easterly location line of section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, page 411, sixty (60.00) feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), twenty-two and 42-100 (22.42) feet; westerly again by said easterly location line, thirty-five (35.00) feet; southerly by said easterly location line, nineteen and 60-100 (19.60) feet; westerly again by said easterly location line, by two measurements, seven hundred eighty-two and 71-100 (782.71) feet and, on a curve with a radius of six hundred fifty-nine and 32-100 (659.32) feet, thirteen and 25-100 (13.25) feet; northwesterly by the land described as Parcel 1 in the deed from the City of Boston to the Boston Edison Company dated May 6, 1942, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5986, page 541, two hundred eight and 1-100 (208.01) feet; northeasterly by Parcel 2 hereinafter described, thirty (30.00) feet; southeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), one hundred ninety-nine and 97-100 (199.97) feet; easterly by said land of the City of Boston, six hundred eighty-seven and 6-100 (687.06) feet; northeasterly by said land of the City of Boston, one hundred and six (106.00) feet; easterly again by said land of the City of Boston, sixty (60.00) feet, and southeasterly by land now or formerly of the City of Boston, sixty-six and 45-100 (66.45) feet, containing thirty-four thousand seventy-one (34,071) square feet, more or less.

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Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners, which is in charge of the land hereinafter described, which was taken by eminent domain under an order of the Board of Park Commissioners dated May 8, 1891, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1999, page 633, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Board such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of sixty-six hundred fifty-three and 50-100 (6,653.50) dollars, all right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown on plan entitled "City of

Boston, Alford Street, Main Street, Charlestown, June 30, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the easterly location line of section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, page 411, by two measurements, twenty-two and 32-100 (22.32) feet and thirteen and 77-100 (13.77) feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), three hundred sixty-six and 10-100 (366.10) feet; northeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan, Jr., Playground), twenty-five and 00-100 (25.00) feet, and southeasterly by land now or formerly of W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation, three hundred ninety-two and 00-100 (392.00) feet, containing ninety-five hundred and five (9,505) square feet, more or less.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Ruth O. Anderson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in the Public Gardens.

Harry Angelo, for compensation for damage to property at 430 Poplar street, caused by falling tree.

Margaret Burke, administrator, estate of Matthew F. Burke, for compensation for injuries and death of Matthew F. Burke, caused by an alleged defect at 339 Talbot avenue.

James G. Callahan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. John J. Devine, for compensation for damage to property at 29 Blake street, during street construction.

Edna M. Fitzgerald, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Washington and Vernon streets.

Eleanor Gallagher, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 12 Hereford street.

Fred Grubert, for compensation for injuries caused by police car.

Dorothy L. Hagberg, for compensation for injuries and damage to clothes caused by an alleged defect at 55 Metropolitan avenue.

Mrs. John T. Hoppe, for compensation for damage to property at 28 Blake street, during street construction.

George Karafotias, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in replacing water pipe at 2093-2105 Centre street, West Roxbury.

Patrick F. Kelly, for compensation for damage to property at 90 Blake street, during street construction.

Goldie Leimberg, for compensation for damage to property at 4 Akron street, during street construction.

Hugh F. Lynch, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Francis J. Mannix, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Paisley park, caused by ball thrown from Town Field.

Raymond E. Martin, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

David G. Murphy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 205 Beech street.

Theresa Ouimet, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Frog Pond, Boston Common.

Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York, for compensation for damage to property of A. J. Dimitro by city truck.

William M. Richards, for compensation for damage to car by ball thrown from Franklin Park.

Thomas P. Ryan, for compensation for loss of hat in performance of duty as member of Police Department.

Richard L. Squires, for compensation for injuries caused by car of Police Department.

State Liquor Store, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 12 Cross street, caused by shutting off water mains.

Richard L. Tatten, for compensation for damage to property at 107 Blake street, during sidewalk construction.

Nora Terry, to be reimbursed for collapse of water boiler at 158 South street, Jamaica Plain, caused by water being shut off.

Celia Vogogna, for compensation for injuries caused by fire apparatus.

W. J. Winslow, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Harrison avenue and East Brookline street.

Albert W. Woodbury, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Monument street, Charlestown.

Peter W. Zaniboni, for compensation for damage to car and injuries caused by city truck.

Legusta Prater, for compensation for injuries and damage to property caused by an alleged defect at 26 and 28 Hollander street, Roxbury.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on July 20, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., on petition of City of Boston for structural changes and repairs to bridge over tracks of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Blakemore street, Roslindale district.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on July 10, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., on petition of Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company for operation of motor vehicles from Quincy line to Park square.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on July 10, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., on petition of Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company for operation of motor vehicles over Providence, Arlington, and Tremont streets.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on July 20, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for wires, conduits, and trackless trolleys from Watertown line and Cambridge line to Boston.

NOTICES FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Copy of order was received granting approval to Boston Edison Company for location of conduits and cables on Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Western avenue, Brighton.

Copy of order was received granting approval to Metropolitan Transit Authority for relocation of underground air pipe on Harrison avenue, Savoy and Washington streets.

Copy of order was received granting approval to Metropolitan Transit Authority for changes in elevated structure at Egleston square.

Copy of order was received granting approval to Boston Edison Company for location of conduits and cables in Soldiers Field road and Western avenue.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of $783.59 for preoccupancy gas heat for 154 units

at the Washington Street, Hyde Park, Veterans' 372 Housing Project.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of expenditure of $45.65 for purchase of six metal area walls at the Arborway Veterans' 372 Housing Project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on the message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred May 22) on fees for loading zone permits—recommending that the ordinance be passed.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

2. Report on the message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred June 26) an amendment to Building Code re projecting signs of combustible materials—recommending reference of the ordinance to the Executive Committee.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY in the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on the appointment by the Mayor (referred June 19) of Samuel Schwartz as Constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951, and of John Farraher and Martin V. Sheehan to be Weighers of Goods for the term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that the appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Wenzler and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECONSTRUCT CHESTERTON STREET, WARD 8.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed by his Honor the Mayor to reconstruct Chesterton street, Ward 8.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING NEPONSET AVENUE AND REMOVAL OF CAR TRACKS, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Neponset avenue and remove the car tracks in Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MEMORIAL TO SHIP "DORCHESTER."

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately take steps to erect in Dorchester a memorial to the ship "Dorchester," which was sunk by enemy action in World War II, and on whose decks four chaplains representing different faiths linked their arms together and went down with the ship, singing praises to God, thus foregoing a chance to save their own lives and displaying, by their sacrifice, a tremendous example to the world that all religious groups can live and die without prejudice toward one another.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELIMINATION OF CHARGES AT STATE-OPERATED BEACHES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately consult His Excellency, Governor Paul A. Dever, with a view to eliminating charges made to people using the facilities of the beaches formerly maintained by the City of Boston, which were taken over by the state and are now operated by the Metropolitan District Commission. These charges now made for use of bathhouses present a large burden to mothers and fathers who send their children to what should be free beaches.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS TO FIREWORKS COMPANY.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Public Celebrations be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to withhold all payments to the fireworks company for its display in connection with the Fourth of July celebration until personal and property damage which was caused at Ronan Park, Dorchester, has been settled.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RELIEF OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

Coun. HANNON submitted a petition signed by Harry Holm and several others and in connection therewith offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commissioner to take immediately whatever steps are necessary to accomplish the relief of existing traffic conditions on Savin Hill avenue, from the bridge to the bridge, as described in the accompanying petition.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANGLE PARKING, UPHAMS CORNER SECTION OF NEW COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commissioner to establish angle parking in the Uphams Corner section of the new Columbia road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SECOND ASSISTANT CLERK, DISTRICT COURT OF CHELEA.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County, hereby accepts chapter 444 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Providing for a Second Assistant Clerk of Courts for the First District of Essex and for the District Court of Chelsea."

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FILL IN CITY PROPERTY ON WENONAH STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Health Commissioner and the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to fill in and make sanitary the city property on Wenonah street in Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCT CAMBRIDGE AND DUNBOY STREETS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Cambridge street, from Brighton avenue to Washington street, and also Dunboy street, from Faneuil street to Bigelow street, in Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF RIVER STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to restrict parking on one side of River street, Ward 17, Dorchester, or both sides if it is found necessary.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Corporation Counsel and Traffic Commissioner to hold a conference for the purpose of deciding if money from parking meters can be used for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS, ETC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioner and the Director of Physical Education to immediately provide first-aid equipment in playgrounds, schoolyards, and other recreational areas in Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPRAYING STONY BROOK AND NEPONSET RIVER.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Metropolitan District Commission to spray Stony Brook, Hyde Park, and the Neponset River along River street for the purpose of eliminating mosquitoes and also to destroy the unpleasant odors which emanate from same.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADVERTISING ON ARCHITECTS' BIDS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:
2. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all department heads, where public bids are required and an architect is engaged, to first advertise for bids from the architect.
On further motion of Councilor Sullivan, the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

VOTING MACHINES.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take from the table No. 3 on the Calendar, viz.:
3. Resolution favoring purchase by city of the Shoup-type voting machine.
On further motion of Councilor Sullivan, the resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

ELEVATOR INSPECTORS IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 590 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Relative to the Civil Service Status of Elevator Inspectors in the Building Department of the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

"STOP" SIGNS AT CORNER OF LAMBERT AVENUE AND BARTLETT STREET, WARD 9.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect "Stop" signs at the corner of Lambert avenue and Bartlett street, Ward 9.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WASHINGTON, DALE, AND OAKLAND STREETS, WARDS 9 AND 11.

Coun. SULLIVAN and PHILIP TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corners of Washington, Dale, and Oakland streets in Wards 9 and 11.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS AS LABORERS.

Coun. SULLIVAN and HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all departments who have use of welfare recipients to use them only as laborers and not as skilled tradesmen such as painters, carpenters, etc.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCE AROUND CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, 258 WEST THIRD STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a fence around the city-owned property at 258 West Third street, Ward 6, in order to prevent children from entering this area and sustaining possible injury and harm from the refuse deposited there.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATRONS AT CITY POINT TERMINAL.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install benches for the comfort and convenience of patrons while waiting to board buses at the City Point terminal on East Sixth street, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF CITY POINT BUS TO FARRAGUT ROAD.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through

his Honor the Mayor, to extend its City Point bus line to Farragut road so that passengers will not have to walk three or four blocks to reach the beach.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CASTLE ISLAND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the benches, cut the grass, and make other necessary improvements at Castle Island, which is now in a deplorable condition.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BACKSTOP ON BASEBALL FIELD, MARINE PARK, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a backstop on the baseball field at Marine Park, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BLINKER LIGHT AT P STREET AND BROADWAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a blinker light at the corner of P street and Broadway because of the many accidents which have occurred at this location.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEASE OF LAND TO ABRAHAM CHOTILIAN.

On motion of Councilor Bryan, the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for lease of land in the West Roxbury district to Abraham Chotilian.

On June 19, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, and Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted to take a recess at 3 P.M. subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order at 5.23 P.M. by Senior Member Wenzler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for extension of the Federal Rent Control Act until June 30, 1951—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted. On motion of Councilor Hannon, the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

2. Report on order (referred today) for acceptance of chapter 590 of Acts of 1950 re civil service status of elevator inspectors in the Building Department—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the order was passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) for amendment to Building Code re projecting signs of combustible material—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for sale of land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation and for easement to Boston Edison Company—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The question came on giving the order its first reading, and the order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nay 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, and Yerxa—13.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella to reconsider the foregoing vote, the motion to reconsider was carried.

On further motion of Councilor Kinsella, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Councilor Sullivan moved that, when the Council adjourned, it would be to meet again on Monday, July 24, 1950, at 2 o'clock P.M. The motion was lost, yeas 7, nays 7:

Yeas—Councilors Bryan, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, McCormack, Sullivan—7.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—7.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WEST SELDEN AND MORTON STREETS, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the corner of West Selden and Morton streets, in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Ernest M. Reid (referred June 26, 1950) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of ninety-five dollars ($95) be allowed and paid to Ernest M. Reid in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

Adjourned at 5.50 P.M., on motion of Councilor Hannon, to meet on Monday, July 17, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 17, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair, and all the members present.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

Weigher of Coal: Rita Port, 76 Wildwood street, Mattapan, for the term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

MORE AMBULANCE SERVICE AT CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the utilization of more than one ambulance from the hours of 12 midnight to 7 A.M.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, July 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

Your communication of June 28, 1950, enclosing City Council order of June 26, 1950, requesting the utilization of more than one ambulance from the hours of 12 midnight to 7 A.M., has been received.

We have three ambulances at the Main Hospital and one at East Boston Relief Station. As a rule we are able to do all our work by running one ambulance. We only call out a second or third ambulance in the event of an emergency.

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

TRIMMING TREES ADJACENT TO ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the trimming of trees in Ward 16 that are adjacent to electric lights.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 27, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated June 19, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Boston Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately trim all trees in Ward 16 adjacent to electric lights."

I have referred this matter to the foreman of the Tree Division and have asked him to discuss this matter with the Edison Company, as I believe this is the responsibility of the Edison Company.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BACKSTOP ON BASEBALL FIELD, MARINE PARK, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the installation of a backstop on the baseball field at Marine Park, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 14, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 10, requesting the installation of a backstop on the baseball field at Marine Park, Ward 6.

I have referred this matter to the Chief Engineer to ascertain the possibility of complying with Councilor Wenzler's request.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CASTLE ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the repair of benches, cutting of grass and the making of other necessary improvements at Castle Island.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 14, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 10, requesting the repair of the benches, cut the grass, and make other necessary improvements at Castle Island.

This is to inform Councilor Wenzler that within the last week we have cut the grass on this area, and the Deputy Commissioner is arranging for the repair of the benches.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

WALES STREET, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the request

that Wales street, from Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street, be made one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
July 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 5, 1950, Requesting That Wales Street, from Blue Hill Avenue to Harvard Street, Be Made One Way.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on July 6, 1950, it was voted to comply with the request.

It was also voted to make Abbot street, one way, from Harvard street to Blue Hill avenue, and to make Vesta road, one way, from Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street.

The necessary signs will be erected in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BARRING HEAVY TRUCKS FROM CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 19, 1950, concerning the request that heavy trucks be barred from using Vermont, Keith, and Lasell streets, in Ward 20, as a through way from Providence to Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
July 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 19, 1950, Requesting That Heavy Trucks Be Barred from Using Vermont, Keith, and Lasell Streets, in Ward 20, as a Through Way, from Providence to Boston.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held July 6, 1950, it was voted to comply with the request.

The necessary signs excluding heavy trucks will be erected in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CHANGE OF SITE FOR EXAMINATION FOR DRIVERS' LICENSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the request that a consultation be held with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles with a view toward finding a different site in Brighton for the examination for drivers' licenses.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
July 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order directing the Traffic Commission to consult with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles relative to finding a definite site in Brighton for the examination for drivers' licenses, I wish to report that this has been done.

Inspector Dwyer of the Registry, Engineer Philip Desmond of this office, and Councilor Shanley have conferred and have arrived at a satisfactory adjustment of this problem.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN ON WEST SEVENTH STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the installation of a "Stop" sign on West Seventh street, at D street, in Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
July 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated June 26, 1950, Requesting the Installation of "Stop" Signs on West Seventh Street, at D Street, in Ward 6.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on July 6, 1950, it was voted to install the "Stop" signs as requested.

This regulation will become effective in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ANGLE PARKING, UPHAMS CORNER SECTION OF NEW COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the establishment of angle parking in the Uphams Corner section of the new Columbia road.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
July 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to City Council order dated July 10, 1950, requesting that angle parking be established in the Uphams Corner section of the new Columbia road, our commission voted on June 15 not to permit angle parking in this area.

This vote is consistent with recommendations of the state authorities and the interests of public safety.

There are only a few places in Boston where angle parking remains and it is hoped that they will be eliminated in the near future due

to the fact that experience has shown that in almost all cases angle parking is dangerous.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

USE OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the request that a conference be held for the purpose of deciding if money from parking meters can be used for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
July 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With reference to City Council order of July 10, 1950, requesting that a conference be held between the Corporation Counsel and the Traffic Commission to determine whether money from parking meter income can be used for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights, I wish to report that this conference will be held at the convenience of the Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BLINKER LIGHT, CORNER OF P STREET AND BROADWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the installation of a blinker light at the corner of P street and Broadway.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
July 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated July 10, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a Blinker Light at the Corner of P Street and Broadway.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject Council order, please be advised that this commission has no money available at this time for the installation of traffic signals or blinker lights. When funds are provided, however, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WASHINGTON, DALE, AND OAKLAND STREETS, WARDS 9 AND 11.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the corners of Washington, Dale, and Oakland streets, in Wards 9 and 11.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
July 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated July 10, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Corners of Washington, Dale, and Oakland Streets, in Wards 9 and 11.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject Council order, please be advised that this commission has no money available at the present time for the installation of the traffic signals requested. When funds are provided, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WEST SELDEN AND MORTON STREETS, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the installation of automatic traffic signals at the corner of West Selden and Morton streets, in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
July 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated July 10, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Automatic Traffic Signals at the Corner of West Selden and Morton Streets, in Ward 17.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject Council order, please be advised that this commission has no money available at this time for the installation of the traffic signals requested. When funds are provided, consideration will be given to this request.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LAND AT 73 EAST DEDHAM STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order whereby the premises numbered 73 East Dedham street, Boston Proper, may be transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Park Commissioners to the care, custody, control and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, for the reasons set forth in the communication received from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, dated July 6, 1950, copies of which are transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at the Park Department office on Wednesday, July 5, 1950, it was voted to recommend transfer of the care, custody and

control of the land located at 73 East Dedham street, South End, from the Park Department to the Real Estate Commission of the City of Boston.

This land contains approximately 5,962 square feet. It was turned over to this department by the Real Estate Commission after vote of the City Council on April 14, 1941, approved by the Mayor on April 16, 1941.

The area is too small for either park or playground purposes and has been left undeveloped all these years. As it is not needed for park purposes, the Board of Park Commissioners voted to recommend that it be transferred back to the Real Estate Commission.

Your approval of this action and the necessary arrangements to effect the transfer will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston, by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated October 5, 1936, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5395, page 116, on about 5,962 square feet of land on the southwesterly side of East Dedham street, numbered 73, in the numbering of said East Dedham street, between an estate now or formerly of Sarah A. McBarron and an estate now or formerly of the First National Bank of Boston; and

Whereas, By an order of the City Council, dated April 14, 1941, and approved by the Mayor of Boston on April 16, 1941, the above-described land was transferred from the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Custodian, Foreclosed Real Estate Division to the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Board of Park Commissioners for playground purposes; and

Whereas, The above-described premises are no longer required for Park Department purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid parcel of foreclosed tax title property be, and the same hereby is, transferred from the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPROPRIATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

In view of existing world conditions, I deem it desirable to provide for a civil defense organization to plan and direct civil defense operations which would take place in time of an emergency. We are all aware that air power has shrunk the globe and removed our natural defense barriers. As a coastal city and the financial center of New England, Boston must be prepared for surprise attacks which could place the lives of our citizens as well as industrial plants, commercial facilities and other installations in immediate jeopardy.

I have already appointed a small committee of department officials to consider the problem. It is now evident that this committee should be expanded so as to include the best brains in the community. We should have an inventory of existing facilities and resources of major importance which should be protected in the event of attack. Consideration should also be given to the establishment of auxiliary protective facilities which could be called upon in event of an emergency, in order to supplement and augment the services of our regular protective agencies.

It is impossible, of course, to determine exactly at this time the extent of the program which will need to be developed. In order to make a start, however, I feel that funds should be provided to permit definite action in establishing a civil defense organization. I therefore submit herewith an order providing for the transfer from the Reserve Fund of the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be used for this purpose. Because of existing conditions, I recommend its immediate consideration and adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $20,000, to the appropriation for Civil Defense Activities, $20,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPLACEMENT OF OLD BRIDGES, SULLIVAN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is a self-explanatory communication recently received from the State Commissioner of Public Works concerning the replacement with a new bridge of the old bridge on Main street, Charlestown, over the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Boston & Albany Railroad and also the replacement with a new bridge of the old bridge on Mystic avenue, Charlestown, over the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad and Boston & Albany Railroad.

As the rebuilding of these bridges is an integral part of the highway project now under way at Sullivan square, I recommend to your Honorable Body the immediate adoption of the order transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of Public Works,
Office of the Commissioner,
July 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Hynes:

In connection with the improvement of Sullivan square in the Charlestown section of Boston, currently under way, there is included the replacement of the two old bridges on Main street and Mystic avenue over the main line tracks of the Portland Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. These new bridges will of course be of modern design and of steel and concrete construction.

The replacement of these two bridges constitutes an alteration of the crossing between the public way and the railroad and under the law governing such alterations, chapter 159, section 59, of the General Laws, it will be necessary for the Boston City Council to petition the Department of Public Utilities to issue an order providing for said alteration. The Department of Public Utilities will then hold a public hearing, duly advertised, and issue an order directing that the alteration be made and will specify the manner and limits of said alteration.

This is simply a legal requirement and will have no effect on the design and contracts already under way. The work involved is a part of the over-all project and the entire cost of construction will be borne by the Commonwealth. All the necessary land takings have already been made and this expense has also been borne by the Commonwealth.

As this improvement is a Federal Aid Urban Project the Bureau of Public Roads will require that an agreement be executed

between the parties involved, namely, the Commonwealth, City of Boston, City of Somerville, Boston & Maine Railroad, Boston & Albany Railroad and the Metropolitan Transit Authority, relative to the division of work and expense and future maintenance of these facilities needed to carry out said alterations.

The City of Somerville is involved because one corner of the Mystic Avenue Bridge is located in that city. The Metropolitan Transit Authority is involved because their track will be located on the Mystic Avenue Bridge.

As soon as the Department of Public Utilities has issued its order this department will prepare the necessary form of agreement and submit it to the above-mentioned interested parties for approval and execution.

In order that no delay will be encountered it will be greatly appreciated if this petition is submitted immediately to the Department of Public Utilities by the proper city authorities.

The Department of Public Utilities will probably require about two weeks' notice for their hearing and since they do not schedule any hearings during the month of August it is essential that the petition be received by them so that they may hold this hearing prior to August 1, 1950.

This entire procedure relative to the petition and hearing is the very same one previously undertaken for the alteration of the Rutherford Avenue crossing in this same project.

Your immediate attention and continued cooperation relative to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM F. CALLAHAN, Commissioner.

Ordered, That it be, and hereby is, deemed and determined to be necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration substantially as shown on the set of plans entitled "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Plan and Profile Showing Proposed Reconstruction of Bridge in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, on Main Street, Sta. 98 — 45.43 to Sta. 99 — 81.30, over the Boston & Albany Railroad Grand Junction Branch, Bridge No. G. J. 3.63, Boston & Maine Railroad Terminal Division East and West Routes, Bridge No. 169, and on Mystic Avenue, Sta. 73 — 45.51 to Sta. 75 — 31.43, over the Boston & Albany Railroad Grand Junction Branch, Bridge No. G. J. 3.66, Boston & Maine Railroad Terminal Division East and West Routes, Bridge No. 1.73, Scales as Noted, Department of Public Works, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Mass., P. H. Kitfield, Chief Engineer," be made where Main street in the Charlestown District of Boston and the Boston & Albany Railroad's Grand Junction Branch and the Boston & Maine Railroad's Terminal Division East and West Routes now cross each other, and that an alteration substantially as shown on said set of plans be made where Mystic avenue in said Charlestown district and the Boston & Albany Railroad's Grand Junction Branch and the Boston & Maine Railroad's Terminal Division East and West Routes now cross each other; and

That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to make in the name and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Boston appropriate application to the State Department of Public Utilities under G. L. (Ter. Ed.), c. 159, s. 59, as amended, in connection with such alterations.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Ida Cohen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

Mrs. Frank Colebourne, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Fallon Field.

Louis E. Feener, for compensation for damage to property at 19 Turner street, Brighton, during installation of water meter.

Dora DiConstantino, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 35 Compton street.

Gertrude Greenberg, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 11 Hansborough street.

Charles Gricunas, for compensation for damage to property at 41 Farragut road, caused by water being shut off.

George Haskins, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in street, Dorchester.

Robert Jennings, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Mary E. Mahoney, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 577 South street, caused by water being shut off.

George J. Maloney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Joseph Moriarty, for compensation for damage to property at 24 Blake street, during reconstruction of street.

Daniel O'Sullivan, for refund on building permit.

Maurice Rutstein, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to car of Albert J. Shea, by fire apparatus.

George Schwartz, for compensation for damage to car by police wagon.

Vincent Tordiglione, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY in the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. BARRY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John J. Barry to be a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, for term ending April 30, 1953.

APPOINTMENT OF HENRY C. COFFEY.

Notice was received from the Department of Weights and Measures of the appointment of Henry C. Coffey to be Coal Inspector-Laborer.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on July 19, 1950, at 2.15 o'clock P.M., on petition of Airways Transportation Company for removal of restrictions on passenger pickup at certain hotels.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, 833 TO 835 COLUMBIA ROAD, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 833 to 835 Columbia road, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT BEYOND MAINLAND OF CITY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, direct the Commissioner of Public Works to negotiate with the Metropolitan District Commission for the erection of the new sewage treatment plant at a location beyond the mainland of the City of Boston in one of the islands of Boston Harbor.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

INVESTIGATION OF LITERATURE OF AMERICAN FASCIST UNION.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to urge the postal authorities to immediately investigate the literature of the American Fascist Union, with a box office No. 46 address, with a view to preventing such literature from going through the mails, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be requested to investigate the matter.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:
Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 10) for appropriation of $31,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of Park Commissioner—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, CARROLL STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Carroll street (both sides), from Keith street to Lasell street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of bituminous concrete, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, FRANCESCA STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Francesca street (both sides), from Keith street to Vermont street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION OF PARKING FEES.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Board of Street Commissioners to conduct a thorough investigation into the reason for the extortionate parking fees charged by certain of the parking lot operators in the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

STANDARDIZATION OF PARKING FEES.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Law Department for the City of Boston to draw up a legally effective ordinance for adoption by the City Council which would seek to standardize at a moderate charge the parking fees now charged by certain operators of open-air parking lots in the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF TAR SIDEWALK, MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the tar sidewalk at Marine Park, opposite the foot of Broadway, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install amplifiers on the bandstand at Marine Park, and to open up the convenience station for men which has been closed all summer, causing a great deal of pain and distress.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR HORSES, FLOOD SQUARE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the drinking fountain for horses in Flood square, South Boston, which has not been in use for upwards of thirty-five years, constitutes a traffic nuisance, and causes injuries to children who climb on it and fall.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS, ATHENS STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have two gas lamps repaired, replace one gas lamp, and place an electric light on the wooden pole on Athens street, between F and Dorchester streets, Ward 6, because of the dark and dangerous condition of this street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MARINE PARK, AQUARIUM AND INDEPENDENCE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make immediate arrangements to cut the grass on Marine Park, to install more adequate toilet facilities in the aquarium, and to place more benches in Independence Park, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR BENCHES, HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the benches on the Hemenway Playground, in Ward 16.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BLACKWELL, BOWMAN, AND NARRAGANSETT STREETS, ONE WAY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Blackwell, Bowman, and Narragansett streets, Ward 16, one way, prohibiting entrance from Neponset avenue. These streets are one continuous thoroughfare.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON PILGRIM ROAD.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pilgrim road (south side), from No. 12 to No. 44, inclusive, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone sidewalks, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LICENSING TOURIST GUIDES.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of licensing tourist guides in Boston making the fees a nominal fee to protect the public from fraud.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:
Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred July 10) for sale of land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation and for grant of easement to Boston Edison Company—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the orders their first reading. The orders were given their first reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerza—21.
Nays—0.
On motion of Councilor Coffey the orders were referred to the Executive Committee.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT HARVARD PARK.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Harvard park, Ward 17, as a public way.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred May 22) concerning the Street Laying-Out Department—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—18.
Nays—0.
Voting Present—Councilors Hannon, P. A. Tracy, Yerxa—3.

LEGISLATION RE USE OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft legislation relative to granting authority to spend the moneys collected from parking meters for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights and other safety devices in order to expedite and insure the safety of the public of the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLING 1-FOOT WIRE FENCE, BRAVES FIELD AND FENWAY PARK.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the owners of the Boston National League and the Boston American League Baseball Clubs with a view to having them install a 1-foot heavy wire fence along the railings in front of the box seats at Braves Field and Fenway Park for the purpose of minimizing the danger of serious injury from batted balls.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. FARIN moved that, when the Council adjourned, it would be to meet again on Monday, July 31, 1950, at 2 o'clock P.M. The motion was carried.
On motion of Councilor Cook to reconsider the foregoing vote, the motion to reconsider was carried, yeas 13, nays 7:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Lanigan, McCormack, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—13.
Nays—Councilors Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—7.
The motion that when the Council adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, July 31, 1950, at 2 o'clock P.M., was lost.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON MORTON STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Morton street (north side), from Forest Hills street to West Roxbury Court House, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone sidewalks, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON FOREST HILLS STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Forest Hills street (west side), from Morton street to the Arborway, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone sidewalks, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.50 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order at 3.30 P.M., by Councilor Sullivan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 15) for transfer of appropriation of $50,000 from Reserve Fund to Establishment of Position Classification and Pay Plan—that some ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—Councilor Hannon—1.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 10) favoring extension of Federal Rent Control to June 30, 1951—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted. Councilor Hannon moved that the matter lay on the table, and the motion was lost. The question then came on the passage of the order, and the order was passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 17) on transfer of appropriation of $20,000 from Reserve Fund to Civil Defense Activities—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 17) on application *re* rebuilding railroad bridges, Sullivan square—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the order was passed.

ENDORSEMENT OF ISSUANCE OF PINE TREE SHILLING TERCENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER DOLLAR.

Coun. BRYAN submitted a communication from the American Numismatic Association, and in connection therewith offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby endorses the issuance by the U. S. Treasury Department of the proposed Pine Tree Shilling Tercentenary Commemorative Quarter Dollar.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOHN A. CRIPPS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the corner of Appian Way and Franklin street, Allston, in honor of Sergt. John A. Cripps, 740th Bombardment Squad, 455th Bombardment Group, U. S. Air Force, who was killed in action over Italy on February 25, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION IN HONOR OF ROBERT E. LYNCH.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection of Adamson and Everett streets, Ward 22, the Robert E. Lynch Square, in honor of S/1C Robert E. Lynch, a veteran of World War II, who died in combat in the Pacific on May 25, 1945.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.53 P.M., on motion of Councilor Shanley, to meet on Monday, July 24, 1950.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 24, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member Wenzler in the chair. Absent, Councilors Cantwell and Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the members of the committee representing the city, on the Labor Management Committee appointed by Mayor Curley and consisting of City Auditor Charles J. Fox, Budget Commissioner John A. Sullivan, and John J. Connelly, Executive Secretary of the Public Works Department, have resigned, and I have appointed City Clerk Walter J. Malloy, Principal Assessor John J. Chapman, and Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary of the Park Department, to their places on that committee.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN J. DEFERRARI.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Boston School Committee relative to your order of June 5, 1950, concerning the setting aside a day in the coming year to give public recognition to the significance of the gift given by the late John J. DeFerrari.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
School Committee, July 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At the conference of the School Committee held on July 10, 1950, the order of the City Council requesting the School Committee to set aside a day in the coming year to give public recognition to the significance of the gift of the late John J. DeFerrari to the Boston Public Library, was presented and ordered placed on file.

Very truly yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF ROBERT E. LYNCH AND JOHN A. CRIPPS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your orders of July 17, 1950, concerning the naming of intersections in Ward 22 in honor of Robert E. Lynch and John A. Cripps, deceased veterans of World War II.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 21, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans to acknowledge receipt of two Council orders introduced by Councilor Shanley, requesting that the intersection of Adamson and Everett streets, Ward 22, be named in honor of Robert E. Lynch; also the intersection of Appian Way and Franklin street, Allston, be named in honor of John A. Cripps.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held during October, at which time these requests will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

LICENSING TOURIST GUIDES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the licensing of tourist guides in Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, July 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 19, 1950, enclosing City Council order of July 17, 1950, relating to the licensing of tourist guides in Boston.

For many years tourist guides have been operating in this city and occasionally complaints have been received from owners of licensed sightseeing companies regarding their activities. However, since this type of business is not controlled by the requirement of a license, the police are not in a position to regulate the persons soliciting business.

There is no authority in the Police Departmetn at the present time to require tourist guides to be licensed, but it seems to me that they should be controlled by a license. Therefore, it is respectfully suggested authority be granted to the Licensing Division of the Mayor's Office to properly license tourist guides.

Very truly yours,
T. F. SULLIVAN, Police Commissioner.

Placed on file

INVESTIGATION OF LITERATURE OF AMERICAN FASCIST UNION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, communication from the postmaster of the United States Postal Department relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the investigation immediately of the literature of the American Fascist Union.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

United States Post Office.
Boston, Mass., July 21, 195

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
My dear Mr. Shannon:

This office acknowledges receipt of the order passed by the City Council on July 17, 1950, requesting investigation immediately of the literature of the American Fascist Union, with a view to preventing such literature from going through the mails and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be requested to investigate the matter, advising that the American Fascist Union has a Box No. 46 address,

The Post Office Inspection Service has jurisdiction in matters of this type and therefore the order referred to has been sent to that service for attention.

Very truly yours,
F. H. Crowley, Postmaster.

Placed on file.

FILL IN CITY PROPERTY ON WENONAH STREET, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the filling in and making sanitary the city property on Wenonah street, in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, July 20, 1950.

Hon. J. B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The City Council order of July 10, 1950, requesting to fill in and make sanitary the city property on Wenonah street, Ward 12, has received the attention of our Housing and Sanitation Division.

Our investigation shows that this parcel is owned by the City of Boston under the control of the Real Estate Commission. There has been indiscriminate dumping into this excavation. We have notified the Real Estate Commission under date of June 27 of the insanitary condition of this lot and recommending that the remaining walls be razed and the excavation be properly filled and leveled.

Respectfully,
John H. Cauley, M.D., M.P.H.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WAYNE STREET, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the request that Wayne street, in Ward 12, be made one way, from Maple street to Blue Hill avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
July 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated June 26, 1950, Requesting That Wayne Street, in Ward 12, Be Made One Way, from Maple Street to Blue Hill Avenue.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on July 20, 1950, it was voted to approve the request contained therein.

The necessary signs designating this one way will be erected in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ARC LIGHTS ON FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the installation of two arc lights on the Father Buckley Playground in Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office,
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install two arc lights on the Father Buckley Playground, in Ward 6, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this area by the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department with a view to installing the requested lights, if necessary.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ARC LIGHT IN WALSH PLACE, WARD 3.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the installation of an arc light in Walsh place, in the North End section of Ward 3.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an arc light in Walsh place, in the North End section of Ward 3, and this will advise you that Walsh place is located in the rear of No. 19 Clark street, City Proper.

To reach it you go through a passageway in building and at the present there is an electric light attached to one of the houses. It really is a backyard and I do not think we should install a street lamp therein.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor. July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the providing of first aid equipment in playgrounds, school yards, and other recreational areas in Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 17, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 10, requesting to immediately provide first aid equipment in playgrounds, school yards, and other recreational areas in Boston.

At the beginning of each year we stock all our playgrounds, beaches, etc., with first aid equipment. It is possible that at one or two locations the supplies may have run low.

I will refer this request to the Director of Recreation in order that he might place first aid supplies where needed.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPAIRING OF TAR SIDEWALK, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the repairing of the tar sidewalk at Marine Park, opposite the foot of Broadway, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

—

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 20, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 17, requesting to repair the tar sidewalk at Marine Park, opposite the foot of Broadway, Ward 6.

It would be appreciated if the councilor would be more explicit as to the location of this sidewalk as part of it is Public Works Department, part MDC, and part of it Park Department.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MARINE PARK, AQUARIUM, AND INDEPENDENCE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the cutting of grass on Marine Park; to install more adequate toilet facilities in the aquarium, and to place more benches in Independence Park, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

—

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 20, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 17, requesting that immediate arrangements be made to cut the grass on Marine Park; to install more adequate toilet facilities in the aquarium, and to place more benches in Independence Park, Ward 6.

This matter has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner for his investigation.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPAIR BENCHES, HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 24, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the repairing of the benches on the Hemenway Playground, in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

—

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 20, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 17, requesting that the benches be repaired on the Hemenway Playground, Ward 16.

This matter has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner for his investigation.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Matthew E. Cardoza, for compensation for damage to property at 194 Bennington street, caused by defective sewer.

Joseph Cotte, for compensation for damage to property at 108 Moore street, caused by improper drainage.

Vera Dudley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 702 Walk Hill street.

Frances Gabelnick, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1705 Commonwealth avenue.

Michael George, for compensation for damage to property at 226A Harrison avenue, caused by break in water main.

Rocco Germano, for refund on building permit.

Abe Libman, for compensation for damage to property at 219 Harrison avenue, caused by broken water pipe.

Metropolitan Transit Authority, for compensation for damage to property at Washington and School streets, Jamaica Plain, by city truck.

Mr. Nicholson, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 44 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain, caused by water shut off.

Horace C. Prefontaine, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Anna Rowan, for compensation for damage to property at 215 Harrison avenue, caused by break in water main.

Hilary T. Sweeney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Rutherford avenue.

Zeolla Brothers, for compensation for damage to property at 199 Harrison avenue, caused by bursting water main.

Stanley J. Zybert, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Licenses.

Petition of Transit Bus Line, Inc., Walpole, Mass., for license to operate motor vehicles in Boston for the purpose of carrying passengers from Forest Hills Station Terminal of Metropolitan Transit Authority along Washington street to Boston and Dedham line.

Petition of Service Bus Line, Inc., for license to operate motor vehicles in Boston for the purpose of carrying passengers from Orient Heights to Revere–Boston line, on Bennington and Saratoga streets, about Breed square and Thomas J. Giblin square.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Samuel Schwartz, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority in amount of $3,673 for the erection of three retaining walls at Capt. John's Hill, 372 veterans' housing project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on the appointment by the Mayor (referred July 17) of Rita Port to be Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that the appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and Shanley. Whole number of ballots, 14, yeas 14. and the appointment was confirmed.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE.

Coun. BEADES and F. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council requests His Excellency the Governor to immediately send a message to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts restoring all veterans' preference for protecting the rights of the men and women who fought in World War II so that these same rights may apply to all men and women who are at present on active duty or who in the future may be recalled to active duty for the duration of the present emergency.

Resolved, That the Boston City Council respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to restore all veterans' preference for protecting the rights of the men and women who fought in World War II so that these same rights may apply to all men and women who are at present on active duty or who in the future may be recalled to active duty for the duration of the present emergency; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Massachusetts members of Congress.

The resolutions were adopted under suspension of the rule.

STATE BONUS FOR PRESENT MILITARY SERVICE.

Coun. BEADES and F. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled this date, go on record as being in favor of a State bonus for men and women now serving in the present emergency and that this bonus be similar to the one granted the veterans of World War II.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF THOMAS E. CHURCH.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at Egremont road and Cummings road, in Ward 21, in honor of Private Thomas E. Church, Company B, 1st Marine Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps, who was killed on August 10, 1942, at Guadalcanal, in the Pacific theater of operations.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF SAMUEL A. DONISI.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the junction of Union street and Monastery road, in Ward 21, in honor of Sergt. Samuel A. Donisi, Company K, 45th Division, 180th Infantry, U. S. Army, who was killed in action at Alsace-Lorraine on January 11, 1945.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING, OF CANADA.

Coun. COOK, HANNON, and YERXA offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, mourn the passing away of William Lyon Mackenzie King, former Prime Minister of Canada, whose acts and deeds proved him to be a great humanitarian, statesman, and true friend of our country; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his immediate family and the Prime Minister of Canada.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

INVESTIGATION OF PRICES ON NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take immediate steps through the appropriate departments of the city to investigate and stop unwarranted price raises on necessaries of life and other articles closely allied to such necessaries; and that the city Law Department prepare an ordinance with severe penalties for such unnecessary and unwarranted raises in prices by those dealing and selling necessaries of life and other articles as mentioned above.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHANGE OF NAME OF HAYMARKET SQUARE TO CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CIRCLE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of Haymarket square to Christopher Columbus Circle.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR PRICE CONTROL.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, unanimously records itself in favor of Federal legislation providing for price control regulation during the existing national emergency. It is the opinion of the members of the Boston City Council that unless rent control is placed in operation at once, inflation will begin and our economic structure will suffer serious repercussions. It is the feeling of the members of the City Council that all citizens will accept rent control for the best interests of the nation; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the National House of Representatives, and to the Massachusetts delegation in Congress.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ISLAND ON COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to confer with the State Public Works Department for the purpose of providing a seeded grass lane and the implanting of small trees on the island to be constructed on Columbia road, work on which is now in progress.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS LINE FROM FARRAGUT ROAD TO CASTLE ISLAND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey for the purpose of establishing a bus line from Farragut road to Castle Island, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COPIES OF STREET CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO CITY COUNCILORS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish each city councilor with copies of contracts calling for street construction in their respective wards.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCE IN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, 151 AND 153 WEST THIRD STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to fence in city-owned property at 151 and 153 West Third street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON WEST FOURTH, WEST FIFTH, WEST SIXTH, AND WEST SEVENTH STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place "Slow" signs on West Fourth, West Fifth, West Sixth, and West Seventh streets, before they enter D street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF COBBLESTONES, WEST EIGHTH STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the cobblestones on West Eighth street, from D street to its dead end, and replace same with smooth pavement.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, D AND WEST SEVENTH STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the intersection of C and West Seventh streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT WRENTHAM PARK.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out and accept Wrentham park as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT BIGELOW CIRCLE, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Street Commissioners to accept and lay out as a public way, Bigelow Circle, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF PAUL LEBLANC.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Veterans' Memorial Committee to name a square in honor of Pfc. Paul LeBlanc who was killed in action on February 14, 1943, in the European Theater of War. Square is at the intersection of Franklin street and Appian Way in Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR ALL CHILDREN.

Coun. PHILIP TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Director of Defense for the City of Boston to confer with all school officials in the city for the purpose of developing an efficient identification system for all children which can be effective in the event of war disaster.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

At the request of Councilor Ramsey, the Chair declared a five-minute recess at 2.50 P.M. The members reassembled and were called to order at 2.55 P.M., by Senior Member Wenzler.

AID TO UNITED STATES IN KOREA.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council memorialize Congress to issue an ultimatum to Great Britain and other countries who are recipients of financial assistance from the United states, to send manpower and equipment to fight alongside our United States forces in Korea, in conformity with the vote of the United Nations Security Council, and if said countries, especially Great Britain, who has refused to send men, will not cooperate, immediate steps should be taken to discontinue any further aid to said countries.

Councilor Cook moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules and the motion was lost. The resolution was adopted under the suspension of the rule, yeas 6, nays 5:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Kinsella, Ramsey, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—6.

Nays—Councilors Chase, Cook, Hannon, Lanigan, Yerxa—5.

Voting Present—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Farin, McCormack, Shanley—5.

On motion of Councilor Cook it was voted to reconsider the foregoing vote.

Councilor Ramsey moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "issue an ultimatum to" and inserting the words "request immediate aid from" and to insert before the word "other" the word "all".

Councilor Cook moved to further amend the resolution by striking out all the words after the words "Security Council".

The motion of Councilor Ramsey to amend the resolution was carried.

The motion of Councilor Cook to further amend the resolution was carried.

Councilor Chase moved that the resolution as amended be laid on the table and the motion was lost.

The resolution as amended was as follows:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council memorialize Congress to request immediate aid from Great Britain and all other countries who are recipients of financial assistance from the United States, to send manpower and equipment to fight alongside our United States forces in Korea, in conformity with the vote of the United Nations Security Council.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT PILGRIM PLACE, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Pilgrim place, Ward 15, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOSEPH C. GIANNINO.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of South Margin and Staniford streets, Ward 3, in honor of Pfc. Joseph C. Giannino, Company G, 350th Infantry, 88th Division, U. S. Army, who was killed in action at Pietramla, Italy, on September 28, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.18 P.M., on motion of Councilor Yerxa, to meet on Monday, July 31, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 31, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Cantwell and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

REPAIRS TO DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ARMY BASE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the making of immediate repairs to the drinking fountain at the Army Base on Summer street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 25, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

At its meeting on June 26, 1950, the City Council passed an order "That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make immediate repairs to the drinking fountain at the Army Base on Summer street." Since the Park Department had no jurisdiction over this fountain, the chairman referred the order to this office.

The repairs that were necessary have been made and the fountain is now functioning properly.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FILL IN CITY PROPERTY ON WENONAH STREET, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the filling in and making sanitary the city property on Wenonah street in Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 10:

"Ordered, That the Health Commissioner and the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to fill in and make sanitary the city property on Wenonah street in Ward 12."

The above-referenced property is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners and it is my understanding that it was formerly the site of the synagogue, which was razed. The Sanitary Division filled the old cellar hole with street sweepings with the result that the surface of the fill is in an unsatisfactory condition.

In view of this, it is my intention to have some clean surfacing material deposited over the area by the local district paving foreman.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT BEYOND MAINLAND OF CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the erection of the new sewage treatment plant at a location beyond the mainland of the City of Boston in one of the islands of Boston Harbor.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 27, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 17:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to negotiate with the Metropolitan District Commission for the erection of the new sewage treatment plant at a location beyond the mainland of the City of Boston in one of the islands of Boston Harbor."

It is my intention to comply, in substance, with the provisions of the above-referenced order, and I have already had a preliminary discussion concerning it with the chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, William T. Morrissey.

The original plan provided for the locating of the settling tanks of the proposed sewage treatment plant in Moon Island but this plan was changed in favor of Calf Pasture by the previous administration.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR HORSES, FLOOD SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the removing of the drinking fountain for horses in Flood square, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 26, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 17:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the drinking fountain for horses in Flood square, South Boston, which has not been in use for upwards of thirty-five years, constitutes a traffic nuisance and causes injuries to children who climb on it and fall."

I am in complete agreement with the provisions of the above-referenced order and it is my intention to proceed with the removal of the fountain, if we can legally do so.

This fountain was a gift of one Warren F. Hall in 1912, and is made of cast stone. It is located partly in the roadway area, and is a definite hazard to motorists and children.

It is my intention, therefore, to request an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether this department has the authority to remove it. If the opinion is in the affirmative, you may be assured that we will take immediate steps to provide for said removal.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of June 26, 1950, concerning the accepting and laying out of Sunnyside avenue, Ward 18.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 21, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order.

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Sunnyside avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway."

Sunnyside avenue, Hyde Park, a private way extends 560 feet northerly from River street to the Boston-Dedham boundary line. There are nine single and multiple family dwellings abutting this street. Most of these buildings were constructed 40 to 50 years ago.

It is estimated that the construction comprising bituminous concrete roadway and sidewalks with hip gutters would cost approximately $8,000.

As our engineering division is now carrying a backlog of at least four months' work, a survey and plan of Sunnyside avenue could not be started before the winter season. We will, however, include this street in our program for 1951.

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT HARVARD PARK, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the accepting and laying out of Harvard park, Ward 17, as a public way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 25, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order dated July 17, 1950.

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Harvard park, Ward 17, as a public way."

As soon as the necessary survey and plans can be completed, a public hearing will be advertised for the laying out and construction of this street.

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CHANGE OF NAME OF HAYMARKET SQUARE TO CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CIRCLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the changing of Haymarket square to Christopher Columbus Circle.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 31, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Board receipt of your communication of July 27, enclosing Council order introduced by Councilor Lanigan requesting that the name of Haymarket square be changed to Christopher Columbus Circle.

Ordinarily, this would not be a function of this Board to either name or change the name of a square; however, in view of the fact that Haymarket square was laid out as a public way, this Board has jurisdiction in the matter.

Under chapter 67, section 2, Acts of 1880, and amendments thereto, changes of names of public ways shall take effect on the first day of March of a given year, after a public hearing is held in the matter.

It has been the practice of this Board to hold advertised public hearings in February for changes in names of public ways to become effective on March 1st. Under the circumstances, this Board will be glad to give consideration to your request when the list of street name changes will be advertised for public hearings in February of 1951.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STANDARDIZATION OF PARKING FEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the Law Department drawing up a legally effective ordinance for adoption by the City Council which would seek to standardize at a moderate charge the parking fees now charged by certain operators of open-air parking lots in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, July 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Your Honor has transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council on July 17, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Law Department for the City of Boston to draw up a legally effective ordinance for adoption by the City Council which would seek to standardize at a moderate charge the parking fees now charged by certain operators of open-air parking lots in the City of Boston."

This is to advise you that the request contained in the above-quoted order is impossible of fulfillment because, so far as I have been able to ascertain, there is no statute enabling the passage of a legally effective ordinance which would regulate parking fees charged by persons conducting open-air parking spaces. In the absence of statute, a city or town has no power to fix prices. Greene *v.* Mayor of Fitchburg, 219 Mass. 121, 126-127.

The result I have reached accords with opinions rendered by former Corporation Counsel Henry Parkman, Jr., on February 8, 1939, and by former Corporation Counsel Joseph A. Scolponeti on December 17, 1948. No useful purpose would appear to be served by restating at length here what was said in those opinions, the full text of which appear respectively in the Minutes of the City Council's meetings of February 14, 1939, and December 17, 1948.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

EXTENSION OF BUS LINE TO FARRAGUT ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the extension of the bus line to Farragut road.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropoitan Transit Authority,
July 26, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Consideration has been given by our Board of Trustees to the request contained in order of the City Council requesting that the Kneeland street-Bay View bus service be extended to Farragut road, City Point.

We now operate service to Farragut road, City Point, from Dudley street, from North Station via subway and Broadway Station, and from South Station via Summer Street Extension.

Extension of the bus service would involve an increase in operating expense which the trustees do not feel can be justified.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 31, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan District Commissioner relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the installation of amplifiers on the bandstand at Marine Park, and to open up the convenience station for men which has been closed all summer.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
July 27, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of July 19, with the accompanying copy of an order of your Honorable Council, introduced by Councilor Wenzler, suggesting that a public address system be installed at the Marine Park bandstand, and that the men's sanitary be opened at the same place.

I cannot quite understand the idea of a public address installation at the bandstand as the occasions when such a system would be needed there, would seem to be few indeed. In any event we have no funds available for such purposes. Our maintenance forces are now working on the sanitaries, trying to overcome the deplorable conditions in which they were turned over to us, and repairs are progressing satisfactorily. A part of the facilities on the women's side are now open, but it may be a while before the men's facilities are in order.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Paul Baltrunas, for compensation for loss of valuables at L Street Bathhouse.

Joseph M. Barr, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Common.

Robert M. Corbett, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Grace D'Amore, for compensation for damage to property at 74 Salem street, caused by city employees.

Anne K. Eustis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Milk and Pearl streets.

Edward T. Kibilda, for compensation for damage to car by truck of School Committee.

John F. Lydon, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 37 Fairbanks street, caused by leak in sidewalk.

Massachusetts Office Partition Company, for compensation for damage to property at 193 Harrison avenue, caused by broken water main.

Providence Washington Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to truck of J.

J. Guerin Trucking Company, caused by an alleged defect in East Boston Ferry.

Andrew M. Razin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Talbot avenue.

Mina Sarrel, for compensation for damage to property at 136 Warren street, Roxbury, caused by defective catch basin.

Edward D. Scannell, for compensation for damage to property on Worley street, West Roxbury.

Michael J. Sergei, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Mary A. Smith, for compensation for damage to property at 434 Bowdoin street, caused by defective water main.

M. E. Stahl, for compensation for damage to property at 266 Harrison avenue, caused by broken water main.

Caroline Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 29 Creek square.

James H. Sweeney, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

James P. Walsh, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Harvey H. Yates, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Sylvia Cedrone, for compensation for injuries caused by defect in stairway, Old Court House, Boston.

NOTICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of transmitting copy of order granting approval to Metropolitan Transit Authority for trackless trolleys on Western avenue.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on August 2, 1950, at 10 A.M., on petition of Boston City Council relative to alteration of bridges on Main street and Mystic avenue, Charlestown.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on August 2, 1950, at 11 A.M., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for permit to operate trackless trolleys over certain public ways in East Boston.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.10 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 2.35 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 17) for grant of easement to Boston Edison Company—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 17) for sale of land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the order was laid on the table.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

READING MATERIAL FOR PATIENTS AT CITY HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM.

Coun. BEADES, F. P. TRACEY, and SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to designate one person at the City Hospital and also at the Sanatorium to receive reading materials donated by the public for the use of the tubercular patients, and that the public be informed where they may send these books in order to avoid confusion.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROCLAMATION OF BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD BIRTHDAY WEEK.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY and KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor proclaim the week of August 20, 1950, as "Boston Naval Shipyard Birthday Week," as a fitting tribute to those who now, as in the past have made possible the security and freedom of our nation and in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Boston Naval Shipyard.

In observation of the 150th birthday of the Boston Naval Shipyard the Naval authorities of the Boston Area have designated the week beginning August 20, 1950, as a period of ceremony and celebration to bring to public attention the glorious history of patriotic service and material endeavor performed in the interest of our nation's safety and welfare.

Especially, in these times of severe national crisis when our country's progress is imperiled, we must exert every effort to encourage and enthuse those elements engaged in this vital phase of our national security.

A program of interesting events and ceremonies has been planned by the Birthday Committee of the Boston Naval Shipyard, a program which will be long remembered by the grateful citizens of our community.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

DEATH OF THOMAS J. KENNEY.

Coun. CANTWELL and BRYAN offered the following:

Whereas, The faithful service rendered to the members of the Boston City Council by Patrolman Thomas J. Kenney during the four-year period of his assignment to duty in the City Council Chambers, endeared him to all members of the Council; and

Whereas, His ready willingness to serve at all times, even beyond the call of his assigned duty, and his cheerful execution of every assignment given him, was accepted most cheerfully by all with whom he came in contact; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desire to extend to the widow of Patrolman Thomas J. Kenney, the heartfelt expression of their sympathy in this hour of her great loss, caused by the sudden death of her husband, Patrolman Thomas J. Kenney.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

SMOKE AND SOOT NUISANCE, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to contact the Smoke Inspection Divi-

sion of the Department of Public Utilities with a view to abating the smoke and soot nuisance caused by the smokestack of the Walter Baker Mills in Milton, which now enters the homes of people living in the Dorchester Lower Mills section of Boston.

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to abate the smoke and soot nuisance caused by the smokestack of the Boston Sanatorium on River street, Mattapan, which now enters the homes of people living in the neighborhood.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR AND RESURFACE SIDEWALKS AND STREET, HEWES STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and resurface the sidewalks and street on Hewes street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL BENCHES, INDEPENDENCE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place additional benches in Independence Park, Ward 6, as there are not enough there now.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LINCOLN SCHOOL AS RECREATIONAL CENTER.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of using the Lincoln School, on East Broadway, between I and K streets, Ward 6, as a recreational center. This building was taken over by the Troy Post, but they have not used it for some time.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF BRANCH OF TREE, FARRAGUT ROAD.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the branch of the tree that extends over the sidewalk at the corner of Farragut road, Sixth street, and Columbia road, Ward 6, before it causes injuries to pedestrians passing that location.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AMPLIFIERS ON BANDSTAND, CITY POINT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install amplifiers on the bandstand at City Point so that the people who attend these weekly band concerts may be better able to fully enjoy them.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROHIBIT BUSES ON CHARTER STREET, NORTH END.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to prohibit buses from traveling on Charter street, in the North End, as this is a narrow street and the operation of buses thereon jeopardizes the lives and safety of children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella it was voted that when the Council adjourned, it would be to meet again on Monday, August 21, 1950, at 2 o'clock P.M.

WETTING DOWN NORTH END PIER DAILY.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make arrangements for the wetting down of North End Pier daily by members of his department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIRS TO WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair Washington street, from Egleston square to Forest Hills; and be it further

Ordered, That the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair their track area on Washington street, from Egleston square to Forest Hills, in accordance with the terms of their contract with the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 2.50 P.M., on motion of Councilor Chase, to meet on Monday, August 21, 1950.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Friday, August 11, 1950.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1 P.M., Councilor Lane, senior member present, in the chair. Absent Councilors Ansel, Chase, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Ramsey, Sullivan, Wenzler, and Yerxa.

Coun. BRYAN in the chair.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

City of Boston,
Office of the City Clerk,
August 9, 1950.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held in its Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, August 11, 1950, at 1 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Court.

J. M. DUNLEA,
Assistant City Clerk.

Subject: To draw jurors.

Placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Forty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear September 11, 1950:

Thomas H. Cody, Ward 1; Frank D'Anca, Ward 1; Antonio DelPo, Ward 1; James J. Thornell, Ward 1; Arthur W. Vellela, Ward 4; William H. Flynn, Ward 5; James W. Whelpley, Ward 6; John W. Biggs, Jr., Ward 7; Joseph P. Wynn, Ward 7; Joseph H. Mc Cracken, Jr., Ward 8; Frank A. Morrison, Ward 9; Russell H. Paige, Ward 9; Herbert Wallace, Ward 9; Francis Michael O'Rourke, Ward 10; Morris Smith, Ward 10; Robert E. Hunter, Ward 11; Michael Orlando, Ward 11; Herbert K. Bailey, Ward 12; William J. Birkenhead, Ward 12; Kenneth A. Brennell, Ward 12; Charles Harris, Ward 12; Morris Tonkin, Ward 12; Fred M. Cooper, Ward 14; Saul Lipson, Ward 14; Francis G. Baker, Ward 15; William F. O'Connell, Ward 15; Leo E. Costa, Ward 16; Thomas P. J. O'Leary, Ward 16; Kenneth E. Friesz, Ward 17; Clarence A. Peaslee, Ward 17; Milton W. Davis, Ward 18; James C. Thorp, Ward 18; William J. McGovern, Ward 19; John J. Lane, Ward 20; James N. McKenna, Ward 20; John S. Berges, Ward 21; Richard G. MacNeil, Ward 21; Richard W. Driscoll, Ward 22; James J. Lucas, Ward 22; Frank L. McFarland, Ward 22

One hundred and three traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear September 11, 1950:

Anthony Albano, Ward 1; George Chase, Ward 1; Ronald Gobez, Ward 1; Armando Grella, Ward 1; Frank Palladino, Ward 1; Timothy Pomfrey, Ward 1; Louis Romano, Ward 1; John Spelladora, Ward 1; Max C. Tassinari, Ward 1; Alfred Villani, Ward 1; Francis P. Boland, Ward 2; Angelo Carbone, Ward 3; Evans L. Freedman, Ward 3; Joseph James Perry, Ward 3; Albert E. Anderson, Ward 4; Louis Jimenez, Ward 4; H. Stewart Marstan, Ward 4; Leo Silva, Ward 4; Benjamin A. Lekesky, Ward 5; Paul S. Martin, Ward 5; Francis G. Cormier, Ward 6; Edward D. O'Leary, Ward 6; Ernest F. Coleman, Ward 7; John Halloran, Ward 7; John J. Hayes, Ward 7; Charles McKinnon, Ward 7; Edward J. Powers, Ward 7; Carroll J. Bolter, Ward 8; Frank Bradley, Ward 8; Carl L. Dann, Ward 8; Samuel A. Morad, Ward 8; James T. Butler, Ward 9; Charles J. W. DeBoise, Ward 9; Frederick T. Hagerty, Ward 9; Herbert D. Smith, Ward 9; Andrew Davis, Ward 10; Joseph P. Happeny, Ward 10; Joseph E. Hayes, Ward 10; Frederick E. Leavitt, Ward 10; Thomas E. Lydon, Ward 10; Daniel F. O'Neil, Ward 10; Edward M. O'Neill, Ward 10; Peter P. Papulis, Ward 10; William F. Robb, Ward 10; John J. Sheehan, Ward 10; Robert Goldman, Ward 11; Daniel J. Sheehan, Jr., Ward 11; Harry N. Dricker, Ward 12; Robert Liner, Ward 12; John R. O'Brien, Ward 12; James A. Smith, Ward 12; Everett H. Backhoff, Ward 13; William J. Bartholomew, Ward 13; Daniel F. Daley, Ward 13; William Driscoll, Ward 13; John F. Hurley, Ward 13; Hubert McLeod, Ward 13; Samuel Borden, Ward 14; William F. Kane, Ward 14; Michael F. Manning, Ward 14; Harry Segal, Ward 14; James E. Walsh, Ward 14. John J. O'Connor, Ward 15; Alvin R. Richman, Ward 15; Robert J. Jepson, Ward 16; Sheridan J. LaPorte, Ward 16; Henry A. McAndrews, Ward 16; Patrick M. O'Loughlin, Ward 16; Alexander Polvere, Ward 16; Francis J. Quill, Ward 16; Charles J. Stravin, Ward 16; Edward G. Carpenter, Ward 17; Frank J. Dennehy, Ward 17; Edward P. Lydon, Ward 17; William Perkins, Ward 17; Louis Swartz, Ward 17; Otto L. Zivecker, Ward 17; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Jr., Ward 18; Thomas F. Rabbitt, Ward 18; Harold V. Roussell, Ward 18; Joseph T. Smith, Ward 18; Andrew M. Wilson, Ward 18; Arthur L. Albee, Jr., Ward 19; Patrick J. Butler, Ward 19; Bernard V. Connor, Ward 19; Thomas Curran, Ward 19; Henry C. French, Ward 19; Ralph H. Hagan, Ward 19; John H. Ryan, Ward 19; Patrick J. Sullivan, Ward 19; George W. Wall, Ward 19; Lloyd E. Stickney, Ward 20; Nathaniel Abrams, Ward 21; Herbert Anderson, Ward 21; Elmer P. Janson, Ward 21; Joseph A. Poirier, Ward 21; Nicholas A. Saporito, Ward 21; Robert E. Bettey, Ward 22; Frank M. Braxten, Ward 22; Walter C. Connors, Ward 22; Thomas J. Kean, Ward 22; John T. Keating, Ward 22; Bernard F. Long, Ward 22.

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been accomplished, Chairman BRYAN declared the meeting adjourned at 2.07 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 21, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Ramsey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

Coun. BEADES in the chair.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951: John D. Cole, 14 West Cottage street; Irving M. Portnoy, 207 Callender street; Albert L. Rosenburg, 80 Peterborough street.

Weighers of Goods for the term ending April 30, 1951: Daniel J. O'Brien, 19 Priscilla Lane, Medford; Charles H. Stevens, 25 Winthrop street, Stoneham.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

WITHDRAWING ORDER FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR REFUSE DISPOSAL PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 14, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

On March 13, 1950, I forwarded to your Honorable Body an order for the appropriation of $100,000 from Sales of City Property for the purpose of purchasing of sites for incinerators or dumps in the City of Boston. No action has as yet been taken by your Body on this order.

I hereby withdraw the order and recommendation as submitted to your Honorable Body for the reason that the Public Works Commissioner has delegated to an engineering firm in the City of Boston the task of surveying the needs of the city with respect to dumping facilities. This report will not be ready for six months, more or less. In the meantime, this amount of money can be used to very good purpose for the purchase of very necessary traffic signal lights, and I have this day submitted to your Honorable Body an order to that effect.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SPRAYING AREA ALONG RIVER STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the spraying of Stony Brook, Hyde Park, and the Neponset River along River street for the purpose of eliminating mosquitoes and also to destroy the unpleasant odors which emanate from same.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
August 3, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

My dear Mr. Shannon:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of July 12, with the accompanying copy of an order of your Honorable Council requesting a spraying of the Stony Brook and Neponset River Reservations for the elimination of mosquitoes.

Our maintenance superintendent has advised me that the spraying will be done at an early date.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LITERATURE OF AMERICAN FASCIST UNION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the immediate investigation of the literature of the American Fascist Union.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Boston, August 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Tennyson Jefferson, Post Office Inspector in Charge, provided this office with an original communication dated July 20, 1950, addressed by you to Mr. Francis A. Crowley, Postmaster, Boston 9, Mass., enclosing copy of an order passed by the City Council of the City of Boston on July 17, 1950, which order requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigate literature of the American Fascist Union.

I desire to acknowledge receipt of this communication through the office of the Post Office Inspector, and assure you this matter will receive our attention.

Very truly yours,
J. E. THORNTON,
Special Agent in Charge.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOSEPH C. GIANNINO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of South Margin and Staniford streets, Ward 3, in honor of Pfc. Joseph C. Giannino.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
August 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans to acknowledge receipt of Council order introduced by Councilor Lanigan, requesting the naming of the square at the intersection of South Margin street and Staniford street, Ward 3, in honor of Joseph C. Giannino.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held during October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF SAMUEL A. DONISI.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the junction of Union street and Monastery road, in Ward 21, in honor of Sergt. Samuel A. Donisi.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissoners,
August 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans to acknowledge receipt of two council orders introduced by Councilor Lane, requesting the naming of the square at the junction of Union street and Monastery road, in Ward 21, in honor of Samuel A. Donisi; also recommending the naming of the square at Egremont road and Cummings road in honor of Thomas E. Church.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held during October, at which time these requests will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF PAUL LeBLANC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the naming of a square in honor of Pfc. Paul LeBlanc; the square is at the intersection of Franklin street and Appian Way in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
August 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans to acknowledge receipt of council order introduced by Councilor Shanley, requesting the naming of the square at the intersection of Franklin street and Appian Way in Ward 22 in honor of Paul LeBlanc.

I beg to advise that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held during October, at which time this request will be given every consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

USE OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to your orders of July 10, 1950, and July 24, 1950, concerning the holding of a conference for the purpose of deciding if money from parking meters can be used for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights; and the drafting of legislation relative to granting authority to spend the monies collected from parking meters for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights and other safety devices in order to expedite and insure the safety of the public of the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, July 31, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Your Honor has transmitted to me the following orders passed by the City Council on July 10, 1950, and July 17, 1950, respectively:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Corporation Counsel, Traffic Commission, to hold a conference for the purpose of deciding if money from parking meters can be used for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights."

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to draft legislation relative to granting authority to spend the monies collected from parking meters for the purpose of purchasing traffic lights and other safety devices in order to expedite and insure the safety of the public of the City of Boston."

As a matter of constitutional law, parking meter fees must be established at such rates that the revenue therefrom shall not exceed in the aggregate the cost of the installation, operation, maintenance, and general supervision of the parking meter system. Opinion of the Justices, 297 Mass. 559, 565. Traffic lights are neither a part of, nor incident to, the parking meter system. Their purpose is to control traffic in motion. Hence, the cost of their installation cannot, as a matter of constitutional law, be included in computing the maximum revenue which parking meter fees may be designed to produce.

I recognize that the above-quoted orders of the City Council concern the use of parking meter revenue rather than the rate of parking meter fees. As a practical matter, however, nothing would be gained by diverting parking meter revenue from the installation, operation, maintenance, and general supervision of the parking meter system to another purpose; for, since the maximum parking meter revenue cannot exceed the cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and general supervision of the parking meter system, all sums diverted would have to be restored from another source in order to meet the expenses of the parking meter system. The appropriation for the other purpose might just as well be from the other source in the first instance.

In the circumstances, I request to be excused from complying with the above-quoted orders of the City Council.

Respectfully,
William L. Baxter,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

RESTRICTION OF PARKING ON RIVER STREET, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the restriction of parking on one side of River street, Ward 17, Dorchester, or both sides if it is found necessary.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
August 7, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated July 10, 1950, Requesting the Restriction of Parking on One Side of River Street, Ward 17, Dorchester, or Both Sides If It Is Found Necessary.
Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on August 3, 1950, it was voted to comply with the above request and parking will be prohibited in River street, Dorchester, south side, from Central avenue to Washington street, 24 hours.

This regulation becomes effective August 28, at which time the necessary signs will be placed.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING BLACKWELL, BOWMAN AND NARRAGANSETT STREETS ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7. 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 17, 1950, concerning the making of the following streets one way: Blackwell street, from Bowman street to Neponset avenue; Bowman street, from Chickatawbut street to Blackwell street; Narragansett street, from Minot street to Chickatawbut street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
August 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated July 17, 1950, Directing This Commission to Make Blackwell, Bowman, and Narragansett Streets in Ward 16, One Way.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on July 27, 1950, it was voted to make the following streets one way: Blackwell street, from Bowman street to Neponset avenue; Bowman street, from Chickatawbut street to Blackwell street; Narragansett street, from Minot street to Chickatawbut street.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS FOR CERTAIN STREETS ENTERING D STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning "Slow" signs on West Fourth, West Fifth, West Sixth, and West Seventh streets, before entering D street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
August 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated July 24, 1950, Requesting That "Slow" Signs Be Placed on West Fourth, West Fifth, West Sixth, and West Seventh Streets, Before Entering D Street, Ward 6.

Dear Sir:

Orders have been issued to paint the "Slow" signs requested in the subject Council order.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RETAINING WALL ALONG JEREMIAH CLANCY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of May 22, 1950, concerning a retaining wall along the new road, namely, Jeremiah Clancy street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council "that the Public Works Commissioner put a retaining wall along the new road, namely, Jeremiah Clancy street (now known as Clancy road). This wall should be put in where the new park is in the process of being built. Stones, soil, and debris are rolling down into the park where the road has been put in."

Upon investigation the assistant division engineer of the Bridge and Highway Division of the Public Works Department reports that a wall at this location is, in his opinion, unnecessary and would entail considerable expense.

He further states that the bank is graded and, when it is finished by the Park Department, it will eliminate any trouble from slides.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CAMBRIDGE AND DUNBOY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Cambridge street, from Brighton avenue to Washington street, and also Dunboy street, from Faneuil street to Bigelow street, in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 31, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Cambridge street, from Brighton avenue to Washington street, and also Dunboy street, from Faneuil street to Bigelow street, in Ward 22, and this will advise you that these streets will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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SURVEY OF SAVIN HILL AVENUE RE PARKING SITUATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning a survey of Savin Hill avenue relative to the parking situation.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
August 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston,

Dear Sir:

As a result of the City Council order passed on July 10, 1950, requesting a survey of Savin Hill avenue, I wish to report that recently we have prohibited parking in the southwest side of Savin Hill avenue, from the railroad bridge to Playstead road, and "Slow" signs have been installed in the roadway.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF CHESTERTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Chesterton street, Ward 8.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 31, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Chesterton street, Ward 8, and this will advise you that this street will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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REMOVING COBBLESTONES ON WEST EIGHTH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the removing the cobblestones on West Eighth street, from D street to its dead end, and replace same with smooth pavement.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works remove the cobblestones on West Eighth street, from D street to its dead end, and replace same with smooth pavement, and this will advise your that a survey of this street will be made and it will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction during the current year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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FURNISHING CITY COUNCILORS WITH COPIES OF CONTRACTS FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the furnishing each City Councilor with copies of contracts calling for street construction in their respective wards.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 24:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor, the Mayor to furnish each City Councilor with copies of contracts calling for street construction in their respective wards."

While I am not opposed to complying with the provisions of the above order, I feel that the councilors are more interested in being notified of improvements to be effected in their wards before the work starts than they are in obtaining copies of the contracts. Copies of all contracts executed by this department are on file in the City Clerk's office and in the central office of this department, and they are available for inspection by anyone at any time.

In lieu, therefore, of forwarding contracts to the councilors, I shall have them notified of all contracts to be undertaken by the department at least three or four weeks before work actually starts.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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SEEDING GRASS AND PLANTING TREES ON ISLAND ON COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning conferring with the State Public Works Department for the purpose of providing a seeded grass lane and the implanting of small trees on the island to be constructed on Columbia Road.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 24:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to confer with the State Public Works Department for the purpose of providing a seeded grass lane and the implanting of small trees on the island to be constructed on Columbia road, work on which is now in progress."

The current contract provides for a seeded area in the divisional island from Washington street to Blue Hill avenue. We do not feel that it would be advisable to provide for grass in the island in the remaining section of Columbia road, from Washington street to Edward Everett square, due to the difficulty that we will experience in maintaining it in a good condition. It is almost impossible to maintain a grass area properly in a divisional island that, as in this case, is only seven feet wide for almost the entire length of the project. The engineers of the State Department of Public Works have had a great deal of experience with seeding narrow divisional islands and, in general, they are opposed to it. The maintenance costs are high, and the results are unsatisfactory. For that reason they were reluctant to include in the contract provisions for providing a seeded area in the divisional island from Washington street to Blue Hill avenue. However, the residents were very much in favor of providing grass on the island, and we acceded to their requests, although we do not believe that the results will be satisfactory. The general appearance of the island, however, will be much more attractive than the old street reservation.

I shall take up with the Park Commissioner the matter of planting trees in the island. If he approves such a proposal, we will make arrangements to have the tree pits dug and prepared under the current contract, with the understanding that the trees will be planted by employees of the Park Department, and with the further

understanding that a type of tree will be provided which will not constitute, in years to come, a hazard to pedestrians and motorists.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF HEWES STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the repairing and resurfacing of the sidewalks and street on Hewes street, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 31:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and resurface the sidewalks and street on Hewes street, Ward 12."

The reconstruction of the sidewalk and roadway areas of the above-referenced street will be considered for inclusion in this year's street construction program.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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REPAIRING WASHINGTON STREET, EGLESTON SQUARE TO FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the repairing of Washington street, from Egleston square to Forest Hills.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon.
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of July 31:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair Washington street, from Egleston square to Forest Hills; and be it further

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair their track area on Washington street, from Egleston square to Forest Hills, in accordance with the terms of their contract with the City of Boston."

I am very aware of the condition of the above-referenced section of Washington street, and shall take steps to improve it during the current year. It will not be possible to reconstruct it for the entire length referred to in the order, but we shall reconstruct part of it and surface patch the remainder this year.

If the Metropolitan Transit Authority cooperates with us, the reconstruction of the entire section from Egleston square to Forest Hills will be completed next year.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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READING MATERIAL FOR TUBERCULAR PATIENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the receiving of reading materials donated by the public for the use of the tubercular patients, and having the public informed where they may send these books in order to avoid confusion.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston City Hospital,
August 4, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today, the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to designate one person at the City Hospital and also at the Sanatorium to receive reading materials donated by the public for the use of the tubercular patients, and that the public be informed where they may send these books in order to avoid confusion."

The routine at the Hospital for gifts or presents other than food, which is not allowed, is as follows:

Individual gifts presented at the desk in the Main Building are usually sent to the ward and given to the nurse in charge by a messenger from the center desk. Gifts in bulk, such as books, magazines, and periodicals, are turned over to the Social Service Department for assignment to the different wards. They usually handle the bulk of this type of gift. Some of this material is handled and distributed by a Red Cross representative or other organizations, without the knowledge of the administrative office; consequently, no acknowledgment could be made.

In many hospitals it is done through the administrative office only, but the administrative office of the Hospital has delegated these functions to the groups mentioned above.

Friends and relatives of patients bring in similar gifts and give them direct to the individual patient.

The administrative office feels that Social Service and the center desk have carried out this function quite well but occasionally irregularities happen. Individual gifts to individual patients from relatives or friends naturally have not been acknowledged by the administrative office.

A conference will be held shortly with representatives from each of these groups, and the assembly and distribution of all gifts, other than individual ones from individual persons, will be made from one central office, so that proper acknowledgment and better organization and distribution will be accomplished.

A similar communication has already been sent to Mr. Thomas P. McCusker, executive secretary, office of the Mayor, at his request.

Sincerely yours,
MARTIN J. ENGLISH, M.D.,
President, Board of Trustees.

NOTE: A conference was held on August 7, and representatives from the different groups having to do with books, periodicals, etc., were present. Miss Katherine O'Donnell, hospital employee in charge of volunteer workers, was officially assigned to have complete charge of the acceptance and distribution of these articles. Mrs. Rapp and Miss Crowley of the Social Service Department were designated as co-workers in case of Miss O'Donnell's absence or illness.

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WETTING DOWN OF NORTH END PARK PIER DAILY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Acting Fire Commissioner relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the wetting down of the North End Park pier daily.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, August 7, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to the City Council order of July 31, 1950, requesting arrangements to be made for the wetting down of North End Park pier daily by members of the Boston Fire Department, I am enclosing herewith copy of special order issued to the Deputy Chief of Division 1, dated August 4, 1950.

Respectfully yours,
John F. McDonough,
Acting Fire Commissioner.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, August 4, 1950.

To: The Deputy Chief of Division 1.
Subject: Wetting Down of North End Pier Daily.
Sir:

You are hereby directed to arrange for a fireboat to wet down the North End pier daily, commencing on Saturday, August 5, 1950.

John F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

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USE OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS ONLY AS LABORERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the acting secretary of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of July 10, 1950, concerning the request to instruct all departments who have use of welfare recipients to use them only as laborers and not as skilled tradesmen such as painters, carpenters, etc.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of the Public Welfare,
August 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council, which was passed July 10, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor be requested to instruct all departments who have use of welfare recipients to use them only as laborers and not as skilled tradesmen such as painter, carpenter, etc."

This department assigns unemployed men to work in several city departments. The work which they are required to perform is controlled by the respective department heads. This department has never attempted to control the type of work performed by unemployed men for other city departments.

Very truly yours,
Daniel A. Murphy,
Acting Secretary.

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SURVEY FOR BUS LINE, FARRAGUT ROAD TO CASTLE ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the general manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning a survey being made for the purpose of establishing a bus line from Farragut road to Castle Island, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
August 9, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Consideration has been given to request contained in Order of the City Council, received with your letter of July 27, that a survey be made for the purpose of establishing a bus line from Farragut road to Castle Island, South Boston.

A survey has been made which indicates that such a bus line would not be self-supporting.

We are also of the opinion that difficulty would be experienced in operating bus service to Castle Island due to density of automobile and pedestrian traffic.

For these reasons we do not feel that operation of the service can be justified.

Yours very truly,
Edward Dana, General Manager.

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SMOKE AND SOOT NUISANCE AT BOSTON SANATORIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the taking of immediate steps to abate the smoke and soot nuisance caused by the smokestack of the Boston Sanatorium on River street, Mattapan.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, August 14, 1950.

Boston City Council.
Gentlemen:

With further reference to your order pertaining to a smoke nuisance at the Boston Sanatorium at Mattapan, the following is a copy of communication just received from Dr. Martin J. English, president of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, which is self-explanatory:

"Boston City Hospital,
August 11, 1950.

Dr. John H. Cauley,
Health Commissioner.
Dear Dr. Cauley:

Our department is in receipt of your letter of August 10, regarding a smoke nuisance at Mattapan.

Dr. Beatty, assistant superintendent at the Sanatorium Division, has consulted with Stone and Webster with regard to this matter. A contract has been made out and approved by the Board of Trustees, to be approved and signed by the Mayor, today, August 11, to eliminate the condition.

Sincerly yours,
Martin J. English, M.D.,
President, Board of Trustees."

Yours respectfully,
John H. Cauley, M.D.,
Health Commissioner.

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NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith seven orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II who were killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
August 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted to designate the following intersections in honor of the following-named veterans of World War II:

Franklin street and Appian Way, Brighton district—John A. Cripps Square. (Sergt. John A. Cripps, 740th Bombardment Squad, 455th Bombardment Group, U.S. Air Force, was killed in action over Italy on February 25, 1944.)

Egremont and Cummings roads, Brighton district—Thomas E. Church Square. (Pvt. Thomas E. Church, Company B., 1st Marine Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed at Guadalcanal on August 10, 1942.)

Union street and Monastery road, Brighton district—Samuel A. Donisi Square. (Sergt. Samuel A. Donisi, Company K, 45th Division, 180th Infantry, U.S. Army, was killed in action at Alsace-Lorraine on January 11, 1945.)

South Margin and Staniford streets, Boston Proper district—Joseph C. Giannino Square. (Pfc. Joseph Giannino, Company G, 350th Infantry, 88th Division, U.S. Army, was killed in action in Pietramula, Italy, on September 28, 1944.)

Adamson and Everett street, Brighton district—Robert E. Lynch Square. (S/1c Robert E. E. Lynch, U.S. Navy, died in combat in the Pacific on May 25, 1945.)

Western avenue and Everett street, Brighton district—James F. Gillis Square. (James F. Gillis, U.S. Army Air Force, was killed in action on July 13, 1942.)

Eutaw and Meridian streets, East Boston district—Francis E. Marchesi Square. (Francis E. Marchesi was killed in action at Luzon in the Phillippine Islands on January 24, 1945.)

Notice of the above vote has been forwarded to the City Council for action.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, be named John A. Cripps Square, in honor of John A. Cripps, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Egremont and Cummings roads, Ward 21, be named Thomas E. Church Square, in honor of Thomas E. Church, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Union street and Monastery road, Ward 21, be named Samuel A. Donisi Square, in honor of Samuel A. Donisi, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of South Margin and Staniford streets, Ward 3, be named Joseph C. Giannino Square, in honor of Joseph C. Giannino, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Adamson and Everett streets, Ward 22, be named Robert E. Lynch Square, in honor of Robert E. Lynch, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Western avenue and Everett street, Ward 22, be named James F. Gillis Square, in honor of James F. Gillis, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Eutaw and Meridian streets, Ward 1, be named Francis E. Marchesi Square, in honor of Francis E. Marchesi, late veteran of World War II.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF BRANCH OF TREE ON FARRAGUT ROAD, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the removing of the branch of the tree that extends over the sidewalk at the corner of Farragut road, East Sixth street and Columbia road, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 4, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated July 31, concerning the removal of the branch of the tree that extends over the sidewalk at the corner of Farragut road, East Sixth street and Columbia road, Ward 6.

I have referred this matter to the general foreman of the Tree Division, and I am quite sure the matter will be attended to immediately.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL BENCHES AT INDEPENDENCE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the placing of additional benches in Independence Park, Ward 6, as there are not enough there now.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 4, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order concerning the placing of additional benches in Independence Park, Ward 6.

I will have an immediate investigation made of this area by the chief engineer and if it is advisable to put in additional benches, we will be glad to accommodate Councilor Wenzler.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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REMOVAL OF TRACKS ON WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN EGLESTON SQUARE AND FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the repair of the tracks in Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills, in connection with the repair of Washington street by the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
August 4, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Consideration has previously been given by our Board of Trustees to request in order of the City

Council received with your letter of August 3 that the tracks in Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills, be repaired in connection with repair of Washington street by the Department of Public Works.

Consideration has also been given to the possibility of substitution of bus service for car service between Egleston square and Forest Hills to permit the removal of tracks in connection with the street work. This, however, is not feasible because to provide substitute facilities for the storage and maintenance of cars operated on the Egleston Square-North Station line, which are now stored and maintained at Arborway (Forest Hills), would involve an annual increase in operating cost of about $33,000.

It is therefore necessary to retain the tracks in Washington street, between Egleston square and Forest Hills.

The cost of repairing these tracks is estimated at $44,000. We have not provided for it in our program for track work this year, which is now well advanced, and in view of our efforts to effect economies, the Trustees do not feel that the work should be undertaken this year.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

SHADES IN NURSERY, NORTH END HEALTH UNIT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 7, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of May 8, 1950, concerning the installation of shades in the nursery at the North End Health Unit, North Margin street, in Ward 3.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, July 28, 1950.

Mr. Thomas Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

Relative to the City Council order of May 8, 1950, requesting the installation of shades in the nursery at the North End Health Unit, North Margin street, in Ward 3, please be advised that the shades have been installed in the nursery as ordered.

Very truly yours,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M.D., M.P.H.,
Health Commissioner.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

On July 17, 1950, I submitted to your Honorable Body a message and order to enable the preliminary steps to be taken towards organizing the civil defense of the city in advance of any emergency. Since then the Legislature has enacted chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, which establishes a civil defense agency for the commonwealth and authorizes and directs the establishment of a local organization for civil defense in accordance with the provisions of that chapter.

Accordingly, I submit herewith, and urge the immediate passage of, the accompanying ordinance, which has been prepared by the Law Department and approved by the Director of Civil Defense for the Commonwealth, establishing the Department of Civil Defense for the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.
An Ordinance Establishing a Department of Civil Defense.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE. There is hereby established a department of civil defense (hereinafter called the "department"). It shall be the function of the department to have charge of civil defense as defined in section 1, chapter 639, Acts of 1950, and to perform civil defense functions as authorized or directed by said chapter or by any and all executive orders or general regulations promulgated thereunder, and to exercise any authority delegated to it by the governor under said chapter 639.

SECT. 2. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE. The department shall be under the direction of a director of civil defense (hereinafter called the "director") who shall be appointed as prescribed by law. The director shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the department, subject to the direction and control of the appointing authority, and shall receive such salary as may be fixed from time to time by the appointing authority. The director may, within the limits of the amount appropriated therefor, appoint such experts, clerks and other assistants as the work of the department may require and may remove them, and may make such expenditures as may be necessary to execute effectively the purposes of chapter 639, Acts of 1950. The director shall also have authority to appoint district coordinators and may accept and may receive on behalf of the city, services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds by way of gift, grant or loan, for purposes of civil defense, offered by the federal government or any agency or officer thereof or any person, firm or corporation, subject to the terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer. The director shall cause appropriate records to be kept of all matters relating to such gifts, grants or loans.

SECT. 3. CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL. There is hereby established a civil defense advisory council (hereinafter called the "council"). Said council shall serve without pay and shall consist of the director of civil defense, such other department heads and such other persons as the authority appointing said director may deem necessary. Such member of said council as said appointing authority shall designate shall serve as chairman of said council. Said council shall serve subject to the direction and control of the appointing authority and shall advise said appointing authority and the director on matters pertaining to civil defense.

SECT. 4. POLICE AID TO OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS IN EVENT OF RIOTS OR OTHER VIOLENCE THEREIN. The police department is hereby authorized to go to aid another city or town at the request of said city or town in the suppression of riots or other forms of violence therein.

SECT. 5. TERMINATION OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall remain in force during the effective period of chapter 639, Acts of 1950, and any act in amendment or continuation thereof or substitution therefor.

SECT. 6. DEFINITION. All references to chapter 639, Acts of 1950, as now in force, shall be applicable to any act or acts in amendment or continuation of or substitution for said chapter 639.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF LAND ON HOMER STREET, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 15, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949 empowered the Transit Department of the City of Boston to remove to other sites, dwellings within the location of the East Boston Rapid Transit Extension now under construction. Upon the abolition of the Transit Department on August 3, 1949, the Metropolitan Transit Authority was authorized and directed to complete the house-moving project as agent of the City of

Boston. Statute 1947, chapter 544, section 8A, paragraph (h), as appearing in Statute 1949, chapter 572.

Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella owned a parcel of land on Homer street, East Boston, a part of which was occupied by a house and the rest of which was vacant. On December 16, 1949, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, acting as agent of the city, took most of the vacant land for the purpose of relocating thereon one of the dwellings within the location of the rapid transit extension. The taking left only a 5-foot strip between Mr. and Mrs. D'Avella's house and the new property line, which is insufficient room for an automobile driveway. Two additional feet are needed. Investigation has disclosed that a 2-foot strip may be cut off the land for the relocated house without damage.

Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority notifying your Honorable Body of the Authority's determination that the 2-foot strip in question is no longer needed for public purposes. Also transmitted is an order authorizing the reconveyance of the 2-foot strip to Mr. and Mrs. D'Avella for $40, the price the city paid for the land. I strongly recommend the immediate adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under Statute 1947, chapter 544, section 8A, paragraph (h), as appearing in St. 1949, chapter 572, section 3, is in charge of the land hereinafter described, which was taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority dated December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 409, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to Vincent D'Avella and Helen M. D'Avella, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of forty dollars ($40), all right, title and interest of he City of Boston in and to the land shown on plan entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent, Plan of Land, Homer Street, East Boston, July 14, 1950, R. A. Fisher, Designing Engineer, J. Beerigan, Engineer of Subways," and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly line of Homer street, three hundred sixty-three and no hundredths (363.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Moore street and the southeasterly line of Homer street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Homer street, two and no hundredths (2.00) feet; thence running southeasterly by land of Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet; thence running southwesterly along land now or formerly of Mary A. DeCosta *et al.*, two and no hundredths (2.00) feet; thence running northwesterly through land of the City of Boston, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point of beginning, containing two hundred (200) square feet, more or less.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority.

August 3, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

As authorized and directed by vote of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, a certified copy of which vote is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, I hereby notify you on behalf of the said Authority that it is the opinion of the Authority that the 2-foot strip of land described in said vote is no longer required for public purposes and that the said Authority recommends the sale of the said strip of land for the sum of forty dollars ($40) to Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella, 83 Homer street, East Boston, the owners of the adjoining parcel and the former owners of the strip of land in question from whom said strip was taken by eminent domain.

Very truly yours,
WALTER J. WALDRON,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Metropolitan Transit Authority.

August 3, 1950.

I, Emma E. Mullen, Recording Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of said Authority, acting under the provisions of chapter 544 of the Acts of 1947, as amended, duly called and held on the twenty-sixth day of July, 1950, at which all the members were present, the following votes were adopted unanimously:

Voted, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of the Metropolitan Transit Authority that the land hereinafter described is no longer required for public purposes, to wit: the land shown on plan of City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent, entitled "Plan of Land, Homer Street, East Boston," dated July 14, 1950, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly line of Homer street, three hundred sixty-three and no hundredths (363.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Moore street and the southeasterly line of Homer street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Homer street, two and no hundreths (2.00) feet; thence running southeasterly by land of Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet; thence running southwesterly along land now or formerly of Mary A. DeCosta *et al.*, two and no hundredths (2.00) feet; thence running northwesterly through land of the City of Boston, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point of beginning, containing two hundred (200) square feet, more or less, being a portion of parcel No. IV on Plan 18473 of the City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent, duly recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds on December 16, 1949, Book 6570, page 409.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council of the City of Boston on behalf of the Metropolitan Transit Authority that it is the opinion of the Authority that the aforesaid land shown on plan dated July 14, 1950, and entitled "Plan of Land, Homer Street, East Boston," is no longer required for public purposes and that the Metropolitan Transit Authority recommends the sale of the aforesaid land to Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella, 83 Homer street, East Boston, the owners of adjoining parcel, for the sum of forty dollars ($40) which is at the same rate, namely, 20 cents per foot, which was the basis for settlement of the claim for damages of the said Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella for the entire parcel of land, apart from improvements thereto, taken by the aforementioned vote and order of taking dated December 16, 1949.

Attest:
EMMA E. MULLEN,
Recording Secretary,
Board of Trustees of the
Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Referred to the Executive Committe.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION TO LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith an order transferring the sum of $40,000 from the Reserve Fund to the budget of the Law Department.

Of this sum, $3,000 is necessary to provide for the payment of services and testimony of physicians in accident cases; $16,500 for the services of experts before the Appellate Tax Board in connection with special investigations and in tax title examinations; and $12,500 for witness and recording fees, as well as services of constables.

These items were charged against the Contingent Fund in previous years. This year, however, the Contingent Fund, which was a lump sum appropriation, was eliminated, and its 30-odd component parts distributed in the various city and county budgets, making it very difficult to estimate the exact amount needed in these items. Therefore, this additional sum of $32,000 is needed to provide sufficient funds for

these purposes in the Law Department budget for the balance of the year.

The balance of the transfer, namely, $8,000, is needed for salaries and supplies for the codification of the laws of the City of Boston, under chapter 28 of the Resolves of 1950.

Consideration and adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund (Unclassified), $40,000, to the appropriation for General Government, Law Department, A, Personal Services, $7,800, B, Contractual Services, $32,000, D, Supplies, $200.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The inclosed request for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for the Hospital Department, B, Contractual Services, 39, General Repairs, $20,631 to the appropriation for Hospital Department, Special Appropriation, Installation, Alterations and Repairs, $20,631.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for the Park Department, Special Appropriation, Dredging of Muddy River, Leverett Pond, $35,000, to the appropriation for Park Department, Special Appropriation, Removal of Trees Afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease, $35,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Park Department, B, Contractual Services, 39, General Repairs, $116.17, to the appropriation for Park Department, Special Appropriation, North Bennet Street Building, Restoration of, $116.17.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner, Southern Division, B, Contractual Services, 35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., $100, to the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner, Southern Division, A, Personal Services, 2, Temporary Employees, $100.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Central Courts, Superior Court, Criminal Session, B, Contractual Services, 34, Jurors, $2,500, to the appropriation for District Courts, Municipal Court, Roxbury District, D, Supplies, 1, Office, $2,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION OF $150,000 FOR INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 14, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Chairman of the Boston Traffic Commission in which he recommends the immediate appropriation of $150,000 for the purpose of installing 40 to 45 traffic signals at various intersections in Boston.

While this number of traffic signals will not completely meet the demands for traffic signals, nevertheless it will provide for those intersections which experience indicates are extremely dangerous.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body with as much promptness as possible in order that the preparations for the installation of these signals may be commenced at once.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission.
August 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

For the purpose of exercising efficient control of traffic at various street intersections throughout the city it is necessary from time to time to install traffic signal lights.

A survey by our engineers indicates that there are approximately a hundred locations at the present time which would be benefited by the installation of such lights.

The required work for making up specifications; for installation of underground wiring, and construction of fixtures takes considerable time and, therefore, it would not be possible to make a hundred installations this year.

However it is respectfully requested that an appropriation of $150,000 be made available to this department for the purpose of installing traffic signals at 40 to 45 intersections.

As soon as this appropriation is made available this department will go forward at once with the work necessary to accomplish these installations at the most hazardous or important intersections requiring such signal devices.

Each set of four traffic lights at an intersection normally costs $3,500 installed.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Traffic Commissioner, as follows:

Automatic Traffic Control Signals in Various Sections of the City..... $150,000

Referred to the the Executive Committee.

EXEMPTION OF LIBRARY EMPLOYEES FROM 40-HOUR-WORK WEEK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Section 33A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 657 of the Acts of 1948, establishing a five-day and forty-hour-work week for employees, exempted certain classes of employees and provided that other classes or groups of employees may, from time to time, be specifically exempted therefrom in the same manner provided for the acceptance of the act.

I am in receipt of the attached communication from Milton E. Lord, Director of the Public Library of the City of Boston, setting forth the fact that the Trustees of the Public Library believe that it is in the best interests of the City of Boston, for the performance of the work of the Public Library, that the employees of the Library Department be exempted from the provisions of the above Act.

In compliance with the request of the Trustees of the Public Library, I am forwarding herewith an order providing for the exemption of the Library employees and recommending consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Library Department, July 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Chapter 649 of the Acts of 1947, establishing the 40-hour-work week for employees, exempted certain classes of employees and provided that other classes or groups of employees may, from time to time, be specifically exempted therefrom in the same manner provided for in the acceptance of the Act.

The Trustees of the Public Library believe that it is in the best interests of the City of Boston for the performance of the work of the Public Library that formal action be taken by the City Council by way of specific exemption of the employees of the Library Department as mentioned above. Such action would make provisions formally for the continuation of the procedure which was long found necessary and desirable in the Library, prior to the enactment of the said chapter 649. All evidence available indicates that action in this respect would be universally favored by the employees of the Library Department, since it would be to their benefit in the sense that there would thus not be disturbed the arrangements long in existence before the enactment of chapter 649 and which have long been considered to be to the best interest for the performance of the work of the Library. The matter has been examined with the City Auditor, who has in his turn expressed agreement that it would be desirable to provide for the specific exemption here suggested.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully request that the matter be given consideration by you as the Mayor of the City of Boston, with a view to initiating action before the City Council, if your decision is to that effect.

If there is further information which is desired, I shall be glad to attempt to provide the same for you.

Respectfully,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

Ordered, That section 33A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 657 of the Acts of 1948, shall not apply to those specifically exempted therefrom by said section or to any person on the payrolls of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

GIFT UNDER THE WILL OF HANNAH MILNOR LJUNGSTEDT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 20, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:

Hannah Milnor Ljungstedt died on January 22, 1942, leaving a will providing that after the death of her husband, Olaf A. Ljungstedt, the trustees of her estate should deliver to the Mayor and the Council of the City of Boston a certain trust estate.

The second paragraph of the will provides as follows:

"At the death of my husband, Carl Olof Axel Ljungstedt aforesaid, should he survive me, I leave the said trust fund to the Mayor and Council of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, and direct that they shall deposit and invest the said fund, at compound interest until the principal shall amount to three thousand dollars; when the compounded interest shall together with the original fund amount to three thousand dollars, I direct that the annual interest (the whole fund with the increase being properly and suitably invested) shall be used preferably by the Animal Refuge Society of Boston as agent, for the sole and only purpose of removing from the streets and alleys and public parks of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, abandoned or suffering cats and dogs. The amount of interest available will be small, and I desire that it shall be used as wisely as possible, probably in two annual instalments. And, furthermore, my desire is not primarily to continue the life of any old or sickly animal, not to find a "home" for it, but to mercifully destroy it. Two mature persons and fewer children are fit arbiters of life in a lower form."

The sixth paragraph of the will provides as follows:

"I further direct that the fund I leave to the authorities of the City of Boston, be known as the Gray Brother Memorial, in loving honor to a beautiful and unforgotten collie."

I have been advised by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, trustee under the will, that the trust fund is now worth approximately $1,500. Under the terms of the gift, this sum must be held until the principal has reached $3,000. This would mean that no expenditure could be made from the gift for approximately fifteen years, and at that time only the interest on $3,000 could be expended. Because the income to be derived from the trust fund will be inadequate to attain the objects set forth in the trust instrument, and since the City of Boston is without facilities of its own to care for or exterminate diseased animals, and discharges this obligation by engaging the services of the Animal Rescue League; it is my opinion that this gift should be declined by your Honorable Body. If the gift is declined, it is the intention of the trustee to petition the Probate Court for Suffolk County to be allowed to pay over the trust fund to the Animal Rescue League. If the latter society is permitted to mingle this gift with other funds devoted to similar purposes, it will be in a far better position to carry out the general charitable intent of the gift.

I submit herewith an order by which the Mayor and Council may decline the gift and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the gift contained in the second paragraph of the will of Hannah Milnor Ljungstedt be and the same hereby is declined.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Petitions for minors' licenses were received from 12 newsboys and one bootblack.

Licenses were granted under usual conditions.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Albano Box Company, for compensation for damage to property at 228 Harrison avenue, caused by negligent maintenance of water main.

Mary C. Amato, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Essex street.

Clara E. Boylan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Tremont and La Grange streets.

Sally Chiermonte, for compensation for injuries caused by police car.

Edwin B. Cole, for compensation for damage to property at 152 Washington street, Hyde Park, during sidewalk construction.

Commercial Beef Company, for compensation for damage to property at 34 North street, caused by defective sewer system.

Rosario Curallo, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Michael J. Daley, for compensation for damage to property at 2555 Centre street, West Roxbury, by blasting.

Paul G. Day, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Summer Street Bridge.

Ralph DeLuca, for compensation for damage to truck by fire truck.

P. J. Dinn & Co., to be reimbursed as result of expenses incurred in replacing wooden fence at 28 High street.

Blaine Elmer, for compensation for damage to property at 192A Washington street, caused by water damage.

Mabel Ferguson, for compensation for damage to property at 433 East Sixth street, caused by removal of tree by Park Department.

Samuel Fox, for compensation for damage to truck by ball thrown from Emmons Park Playground.

Maurice Garvey, to be reimbursed for collapse of water boiler at 1592 Columbia road, caused by water being shut off.

Samuel M. Gertman Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 52 North street, caused by broken water main.

Thomas F. Girard, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Benjamin Glass, for compensation for damage to property at 82 Essex street, caused by defective water pipes.

Mildred Golden, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 Creston street, Roxbury.

David Greenbaum, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Harrison Realty Trust, for compensation for damage to property at 231 Harrison avenue, caused by bursting of water main.

David J. Houston, for compensation for damage to property at 251 West street, Hyde Park, caused by change of grade of street.

Frank A. Jankewicz, for compensation for damage to car by rubbish truck.

Mrs. Jack Julius, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 6 Wildwood street.

Sophie E. Kazarian, for compensation for damage to property at 914 Dorchester avenue, caused by broken water pipe.

William Leff, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

John J. Mahoney for compensation for damage to property at 30 Myrtlebank avenue, caused during construction of street.

Louis Marotta, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 6 Lewis street.

Carolina Masciocchi, for compensation for damage to property at 44 Shirley street, during repaving of street.

Anne Mazonson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 343 Washington street.

Peter Messina, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 9 McKay place, East Boston, caused by water being shut off.

Mrs. Peter Moscovitch and Peter M. Moscovitch, for compensation for injuries caused by negligent maintenance of property at 67 Alsen road, Dorchester.

Margaret M. Murphy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 49 Gibson street.

Northeastern Electric Company, for compensation for damage to property at 250 Broadway, caused by broken water main.

Francis J. O'Connell, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by defective desk in Collecting Department, City Hall Annex.

Cosmo Percoco, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Arthur S. Pugsley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Harry Reardon, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Anthony J. Scavongelli, for compensation for damage to watch while in performance of duty as police officer.

Shapiro Beef Company, for compensation for damage to property at 32A North street, caused by defective sewer system.

Silver Supply Company, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Richard P. Slattery & Co., for compensation for damage to property at 239 Harrison avenue, caused by broken water main.

J. Spadafora Machinery Company, for compensation for damage to property at 212 Harrison avenue, caused by broken water pipe.

Alice M. Stevens, for compensation for loss of slacks at L Street Bathhouse.

Helen J. Stevens, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in River street.

Stuart Shoe Shop, Inc., for compensation for damage to property caused by bursting of water pipes on Dorr street.

Catherine A. and Thomas A. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to property at 85 Child street, caused by water being shut off.

Mrs. W. Tawa, for compensation for damage to property at 213 Harrison avenue, caused by bursting of water pipe.

United Machine & Electric Works, for compensation for damage to property at 228 Harrison avenue, caused by bursting of water main.

A. J. Wilkinson Company, for compensation for damage to property at 186 Washington street, caused by broken water main.

Dora C. Yeames, for refund on water bills.

Richard W. Garrity, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Richard F. Graham, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Yellow Leasing Corporation of New England, for compensation for damage to truck caused by overhanging tree on Mill street, at Victory road.

Executive.

Petition of Mrs. Marion G. McNamara to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John J. McNamara, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Jeanette McDonald to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John B. McDonald, late member of the Fire Department.

Petition of Christine Mehegan to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, John J. Mehegan, late member of the Police Department.

Amendment to petition of Holyhood Cemetery Association (originally filed about July 1, 1947) for a permit to use certain land abutting Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway for burial puposes.

NOTICES FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Copy of order was received granting petition of the City of Boston by its Corporation Counsel relative to alterations, structural changes, and repairs of bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Blakemore street in the Roslindale district.

Copy of order was received granting petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate trackless trolleys over certain streets in East Boston, etc.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE FROM SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

Communication was received from the Supreme Judicial Court transmitting copy of the appointment of Frank H. Hallett, Esq., as assistant clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk, and copy of the various oaths administered to Mr. Hallett.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR J. KELLY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Arthur J. Kelly as a member of the Board of Overseers of Public Welfare for term ending April 30, 1952, vice Frank East, deceased.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE E. DRISCOLL.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Katherine E. Driscoll as member of the Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for the term ending April 30, 1953, vice John J. Sullivan, Jr., resigned.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Dana Somes, chairman of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, that his firm had been awarded the commission to act as architects for the housing project No. 2-13.
Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Transit Bus Line, Inc. (referred July 24, 1950), for license to operate motor vehicles from Forest Hills MTA Station to Norfolk and Franklin, Mass.— recommending that license be granted.
The report was accepted and the license was granted under usual conditions.

STREET LIGHT ON OSWALD STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a street light on Oswald street, in Ward 10.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND AREA, CALUMET AND DARLING STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the area at the corner of Calumet and Darling streets a play area for the children of that neighborhood.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILOR JULIUS ANSEL.

Coun F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council extend their congratulations to their fellow councilor, Julius Ansel, of Ward 14, on the occasion of his election as President of the 83d Infantry Division Association.
As the first enlisted man, and as the first resident of Boston to attain this signal honor, we are justly proud of the confidence and trust placed in him by his comrades of combat days in the recent world war.
It is indeed fitting that one who has, throughout his lifetime, been known as a patriot and defender of human liberties should be so honored by his associates, and has thus brought to our city and to our citizenry this glorious honor.
The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

BANNING OF COMMUNISTIC LITERATURE.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston City Council through the Police Commissioner, conduct an inquiry into the possibility of banning from our public news stands all periodicals and newspapers of known Communistic tendencies, such list to be secured from authorized Congressional Committees, the Department of Justice, and other proper sources.
It is time for this Council, the governing body of a city which proudly bears the name of the "Cradle of Liberty," to strike out against this evil menace which festers and grows around us.
There is no longer any doubt as to the intentions of the Communist Party here in America and throughout the world. The blood of brave American boys spilled in the rice fields of Korea bear eloquent witness to that fact. The time for dallying with the safety of this nation is past. We must now go forward, determined to wipe out every channel of Communistic teaching and propaganda.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABATEMENT OF DUST NUISANCE, SPRINGDALE ROAD, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works and the Park Commissioner to abate the dust nuisance on Springdale road, Ward 13.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON DUDLEY STREET, AT RAILROAD BRIDGE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commissioner to consider the advisability of installing traffic lights on Dudley street, on each side of the railroad bridge, at Alexander and Humphreys streets.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT GOULDVILLE TERRACE, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Street Commissioner to consider the advisability of laying out and constructing Gouldville terrace, Ward 13, as a public way.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF LAND IN CHARLESTOWN.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella it was voted to take from the table No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:
1. Order for sale of land in Charlestown to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation for $6,653.50. On July 17, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 21, nays 0.
On further motion of Councilor Kinsella the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler and Yerxa—20.
Nays—0.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF HARRY M. GROSSMAN.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming the square at the intersection of Brunswick and Warren streets, in Ward 12, in honor of Private Harry M. Grossman, Company H, 30th Infantry Regiment, Third Infantry Division, United States Army, who was killed in action on February 29, 1944, in Italy.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JOHN R. MANTVILLE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of L and East Sixth streets, in Ward 6, in honor of Sergt. John R. Mantville, Company I, Sixteenth Infantry, First Army, U. S. Army, who was killed in action in Germany on March 5, 1945.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPENING OF WINDOWS IN STREETCARS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have windows that can be opened in the streetcars because of the inadequacy of the motor fans to supply sufficient cooling air thereby causing a health menace.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF OLD FIRE APPARATUS AT K AND EAST FOURTH STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove old fire apparatus at fire station at K and East Fourth streets, South Boston, and place showers in said yard for the children.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK AND ARC LIGHT ON EMERSON STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the brick sidewalk on Third and Emerson streets, between G street and Flood square; also that an arc light be installed on Emerson street, close to the horse trough at Flood square.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

GREENDALE, COURTLAND, DEERING, AND GOODALE ROADS TO BE ONE WAY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the advisability of making Greendale, Courtland, Deering, and Goodale roads, one-way streets.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. BRYAN in the chair.

PAINTING CROSSWALKS AT FIELDS CORNER.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to paint the crosswalks at all intersections in Fields Corner in order that pedestrians may cross Dorchester avenue in safety.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN FIELDS CORNER SECTION.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to install new electric lights in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester which is now inadequately lighted. A survey of this particular district will show that the lights now in existence are inadequate and are detrimental to the welfare and safety of the people using this thickly settled district.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGNS AT PARKMAN AND ADAMS STREETS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to install "Stop Before Entering" signs at the junction of Parkman and Adams streets, in Ward 16, on Parkman street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" AND "REDUCE SPEED" SIGNS AT FIELDS CORNER.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place "Slow" signs throughout the business district of Fields Corner, Ward 16, and "Reduce Speed" signs at the entrance to Fields Corner business district.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of James H. Sweeney (referred July 31, 1950) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department — recommending passage of the accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of seven hundred seventy-nine dollars and thirty-five cents ($779.35) be allowed and paid to James H. Sweeney in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.
Report on petition of Horace C. Prefontaine (referred July 24, 1950) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department — recommending passage of the accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of two hundred sixty-four dollars and seventy-six cents ($264.76) be allowed and paid to Horace C. Prefontaine in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.
Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

TWO-WAY RADIO SETS IN HOSPITAL AMBULANCES.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have two-way radio sets installed in the Boston City Hospital ambulances.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING ON APPIAN WAY, PRESCOTT PLACE, AND BRENTWOOD STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have Appian Way, Prescott place, and Brentwood street converted from gas lighting to electric lighting.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Gallivan Boulevard, from No. 105 to No. 121, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF LAND ON POPLAR STREET.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 695 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing the School Department of the City of Boston to Transfer to the Park Department Control of Certain Land on Poplar Street in said City," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHECKING EXTREME VANDALISM.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That his honor the Mayor confer with the Police Commissioner for the purpose of formulating plans to check the extreme vandalism which has been causing serious damage to public property, particularly parks and playgrounds.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON WOODARD ROAD.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Woodard road (both sides), from Park street to West Roxbury Parkway, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TEMPORARY MINOR REPAIRS ON PRIVATE WAYS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 538 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Providing that Cities and Towns May Make Temporary Minor Repairs on Private Ways Therein in Certain Cases," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SARATOGA STREET AND BARNES AVENUE, WARD 1.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corner of Saratoga street and Barnes avenue, in Ward 1.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Coffey, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.43 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman BRYAN at 3.34 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and five appropriation transfer orders (referred today) recommending that the orders ought to pass with the exception of the order transferring appropriation of $2,500 to the Municipal Court, Roxbury District.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The orders, with the exception of the order transferring appropriation of $2,500 to the Municipal Court, Roxbury District, were passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy and Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for conveyance of land in East Boston to Vincent and Helen D'Avella for forty dollars ($40)—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted. The question then came on giving the order its first reading and passage. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy and Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for fourteen days for final action.

3. On the message of the Mayor and seven orders (referred today) for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II who were killed in action—recommending that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the orders were severally passed.

4. On the message of the Mayor and order (referred today) declining gift contained in the second paragraph of the will of Hannah Milnor Ljungstedt—recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted and the order was passed.

5. On the message of the Mayor and ordinance (referred today) to establish a Department of Civil Defense—recommending reference of the ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

The report of the committee was accepted and the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PAY SCHEDULE FOR ORDERLIES AND MAIDS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with the Budget Commissioner and the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for the purpose of effecting a fair and equitable pay schedule for orderlies and ward maids at the Boston City Hospital.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUBSTITUTE FACILITIES FOR JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND.

Coun. P. A. TRACY and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit a report to the Boston City Council setting forth the plans which that department has developed to replace the playground facilities which were lost in the land-taking at the Jefferson Playground in Roxbury.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.40 P.M., on motion of Councilor Hannon, to meet on Monday, August 28, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.
(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 28, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent Councilor Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

Patrick J. Barca, 348 Park street, Ward 17, as Constable, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for the term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

REMOVAL OF OLD FIRE APPARATUS AT K AND EAST FOURTH STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 28, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Acting Fire Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the removal of the old fire apparatus at fire station at K and East Fourth streets, South Boston, and place showers in said yard for the children.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, August 25, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Attention: Thomas G. J. Shannon, Chief Clerk.

Dear Sir:

Relative to attached order from City Council of August 21, requesting the removal of old fire apparatus at fire station at K and East Fourth streets, South Boston, for play showers in said yard for the children, plans are under way now to use the old underground loop at the MTA Station, at Broadway, for the storage of apparatus, and workmen are now engaged in making alterations for this purpose.

As soon as this is accomplished the old fire apparatus will be removed to said location and the provision of the City Council order will be carried out.

Very truly yours,
JOHN F. MCDONOUGH,
Acting Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ABATEMENT OF DUST NUISANCE ON SPRINGDALE ROAD, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 28, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning abating the dust nuisance on Springdale road, Ward 13,

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 25, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of August 21:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works and the Park Commissioner to abate the dust nuisance on Springdale road, Ward 13."

Some years back, the department had annual street oiling contracts which provided for the applying of oil to roadway areas to eliminate the condition referred to in the above-referenced order. We were restricted, however, to oil public streets only. The above referenced Springdale road is a private way and this department can take no steps to abate the existing condition.

I think it should be accepted as a public highway and I so recommend for consideration by the Board of Street Commissioners.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND.
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Boston Cab Company, for compensation for damage to cab by city truck.

Boston, Worcester & New York Street Railroad, for compensation for damage to bus by fire apparatus.

Nora T. Collins, for compensation for damage to property at 937 Parker street, Roxbury, caused by break in water main.

Gertrude Isaacson, for compensation for damage to property at 14 Hopkins street, Dorchester, caused by water.

Marjorie E. Kimball, for compensation for damage to driveway at 130 and 132 Blake street, Mattapan, caused by construction of new sidewalks.

Leonard Kleinbart, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Alexander Marshall, for compensation for damage to property at 114 D street, South Boston, caused by broken water pipe.

Edward T. Quinn, for compensation for collapse of hot water boiler at 721 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale, caused by water being shut off.

Mrs. Alice Sheffries, for refund for license fee issued to deceased husband.

John Sullivan, for compensation for damage to property at 28 Pleasant Hill avenue, caused by blasting.

Theresa Zawelski, for compensation for collapse of hot water boiler at 14 Howell street, caused by installation of water meters.

Executive.

Petition of Mrs. William E. Jennings to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, William E. Jennings, late member of the Police Department.

Petition of Hanora G. Iskra to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Anthony E. Iskra, late member of the Police Department.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS A. McMAHON.

Notice was received from the secretary of the Boston Health Department of the appointment (emergency) of Francis A. McMahon as food inspector at $2,500 a year, effective August 23, 1950.

Placed on file.

PAYMENT OF SUM OF MONEY TO ARTHUR GENUALDO.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 788 of the Acts of 1950 entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to Arthur Genualdo," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ENLARGEMENT OF NURSING STAFF AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately hold a special meeting for the purpose of enlarging the nursing staff in the wards throughout the Boston City Hospital, as the present nursing accommodations are inadequate and have led to a general breakdown of efficiency and morale and the well-being of the patients confined in the hospital; and be it further

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital invite members of the Boston City Council to sit in with the Board at its special meeting.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF EDWARD A. BLUESTONE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the committee on naming squares be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection at Stanwood street and Blue Hill avenue, the Edward A. Bluestone Square, in honor of the distinguished hero, Edward A. Bluestone, who died in the service of his country on June 6, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M. ATKINSON.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the committee on naming squares be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection of Howard avenue and Dudley street in honor of William M. Atkinson, hero of the late World War.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS AT CALF PASTURE SITE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor inquire from the Boston Housing Authority as to what progress has been made in the proposed erection of housing accommodations on the so-called Calf Pasture in Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

GRASS PLOT IN MIDDLE OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct the middle of Columbia road, particularly in front of St. Kevin's Church, in Ward 13, with a grass plot.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF SAGAMORE AND SARGENT STREETS, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to reconstruct Sagamore and Sargent streets in Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS ON BROOKFORD AND MAGNOLIA STREETS, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to replace the existing sidewalks on Brookford street and Magnolia street, in Ward 13, with granolithic sidewalks.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHANGE OF HARBOR LINE IN SAVIN HILL BAY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on record as respectfully requesting the Port of Boston Authority to change the present harbor line in Savin Hill Bay so that it will run southerly from the location of the present bridge now on Old Colony Boulevard to Freeport street, since such a change would protect the adjacent State-owned beach and also the adjacent beach location which is not under State ownership but might, in the near future, be taken over by the State for beach facilities. This change is respectfully requested since it is in the interest of the public at large.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

LIGHTS ON HURON PASSAGEWAY, NEAR ASHMONT MTA STATION.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, through his Excellency Governor Dever, request the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to immediately take steps to install lights on Huron passageway, which passageway is used by pedestrians in order to enter and leave Ashmont Station. The darkness of this passageway constitutes an extremely dangerous condition for all those who use this as a means of entrance and exit to and from the MTA Station at Ashmont.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred August 21) to establish a Department of Civil Defense—recommending reference of the ordinance to the Executive Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted and the ordinance was referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF LAND AT LASELL STREET, LYALL STREET, AND ADDINGTON ROAD FROM REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Real Estate Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the triangular plot of land at the

junction of Lasell street, Lyall street, and Addington road, in Ward 20, from the Real Estate Department to the Park Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT GARDEN STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Laying-Out Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out and construct Garden street, in Ward 20, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT CEDAR STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Laying-Out Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out and construct Cedar street, in Ward 20, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REOPENING OF HYDE PARK OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT.

Coun. BRYAN and CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reopen the Hyde Park office of the Water Department in order to meet the needs and demands for service in the outlying districts.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on the appointments by the Mayor (referred August 21) of John D. Cole, Irving M. Portnoy, and Albert L. Rosenburg to be Constables, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for the term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that the appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred August 21) of Daniel J. O'Brien and Charles H. Stevens to be Weighers of Goods, for the term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that the appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Shanley. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

NOISE AND SMOKE NUISANCE BY NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the New Haven Railroad, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to stop the sounding of whistles and the blowing of horns at late hours of the evening and early morning hours; and further requests that they stop emitting smoke from the engines because of the great detrimental damage done to the people living in the D Street project, Ward 6; and further requests that they place barbed wire over the newly constructed fence on B street so that the children cannot climb over it and be killed or injured.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS ON I STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to install cement sidewalks on I street, between East Broadway and First street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS ON P STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct cement sidewalks on P street, from First street to Columbia road, in Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON EAST FOURTH STREET, BETWEEN G AND H STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights in the middle of the block on East Fourth street, between G and H streets, in Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON EAST SECOND STREET, FROM L TO M STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights on East Second street, from L to M streets, in Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM WASHINGTON STREET, FROM NONANTUM STREET TO NEWTON LINE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to keep commercial vehicles from using Washington street, from Nonantum street to the Newton line.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN JOINT HONOR OF JOHN A. CRIPPS AND PAUL LE BLANC.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council on August 21, 1950, and approved by the Mayor on August 22, 1950, naming the space at the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, the John A. Cripps Square, be rescinded, and that the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the aforesaid intersection the John A. Cripps-Paul Le Blanc Square, in joint honor of these two deceased veterans of World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the legislative council of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prepare a draft calling for the Commonwealth to permit sufficient borrowing power above the annual debt limit for the construction of a municipal building in place of the present antiquated local building at Franklin Field in the Ward 14 area.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately begin a survey on Franklin Field so that this field can properly be reconstructed for the pleasure of the playing and the athletic activities in Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PERMANENT "NO-PARKING" SIGNS OUTSIDE CERTAIN SYNAGOGUES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place permanent "No-Parking" signs outside the following-named synagogues: Agudath Israel Synagogue, Woodrow avenue; Anshe Volin Synagogue, Howard street; Chevra Shas Synagogue, Ashton street; Temple Beth Hillel, Morton street. The signs are requested so that proper observances can be held weekly without interference from automobile traffic.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF STREETS IN WARDS 14 AND 12.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to order a thorough cleaning of all streets in the Ward 14 and Ward 12 areas, prior to September 12, for the forthcoming high holiday season.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BANNING LITERATURE OF COMMUNISTIC TENDENCIES.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct an inquiry into the possibility of banning from our public newsstands all periodicals and newspapers of known Communistic tendencies, such lists to be secured from authorized Congressional Committees, the Department of Justice, and other proper sources.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AT FRANKLIN AND WEITZ STREETS TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Real Estate Board of Foreclosure be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer the foreclosed property at Franklin street and Weitz street to the Park Department for the purpose of making a play area.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.27 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Senior Member WENZLER at 5 P.M.

COST OF LIVING PAY RAISES FOR ALL CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of granting to all city and county employees a cost of living pay raise.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan it was voted that when the Council adjourned it would be to meet again on Monday, September 11, 1950, at 2 P.M.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT D STREET AND CITY POINT PROJECTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor authorize the Park Department to provide swings, slides, sand boxes, jungle trapezes, and other playground equipment in the D Street project and the City Point project in Ward 6, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUSES FROM ARBORWAY TO HEATH STREET.

Coun. McCORMACK and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the MTA be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the tracks on Centre street, in Jamaica Plain, and South Huntington avenue, and to run buses from the Arborway to a transfer point at Heath street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN JOINT HONOR OF GERALD J. AND THOMAS W. KEENAN.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the junction of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and La Grange street, Ward 20, the "Gerald J. and Thomas W. Keenan Square," in honor of the Keenan brothers, residents of West Roxbury, who gave their lives during World War II in the performance of their duty in the defense of our country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 21) for appropriation of $150,000 for the installation of traffic lights—recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey and Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) for Establishment of a Department of Civil Defense—recommending that the ordinance ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted and the ordinance was passed.

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

Upon receiving unanimous consent to make a statement Councilor Bryan requested the President to direct the City Messenger to request the members of the Boston Housing Authority to be present at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council to answer certain questions that may be put to them by him and other members of the City Council.

The Chair stated that the City Messenger will be instructed to comply with Councilor Bryan's request.

Adjourned at 5.08 P.M., on motion of Councilor Lanigan, to meet on Monday, September 11, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 11, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor McCormack.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1951: Caetano Lopes, 81 East Lenox street, Ward 8; Bernard M. Mullen, 4 Neptune road, Ward 1.

Weighers of Coal for term ending April 30, 1951: Robert E. Powers, 12 Bates street, Revere, Mass.; John G. Freeman, 41 Tremont street, Malden, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

FENCE IN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, 151 AND 153 WEST THIRD STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning the fencing of the city-owned property at 151 and 153 West Third street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
August 30, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Re: City Council Order of July 24, 1950, Requesting the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to Fence in City-Owned Property at 151 and 153 West Third Street, Ward 6.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

I have had the property at 151–155 West Third street, South Boston, investigated by our Custodian of Foreclosed Real Estate. He reported that this land consisted of three parcels, two of which are owned by this department.* He indicates that most of the land is level and that on the land not owned by the city there are some piles of dirt which should be leveled off. The abutter to 151 West Third street has created a small garden to the right rear of our land, and the lot is fairly clean.

Our Custodian of Foreclosed Real Estate suggested that a fence would be of little value, as it would only act as a trap for papers and refuse, and that the fence would make it more difficult for the lot to be cleaned from time to time by this department.

In the event that it would have been necessary to fence the lot in, and we feel that it is not, we would have insufficient funds to do the work this year.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN CARP, Chairman.

(* 151 and 153, city owned; 155, not city owned.)

Placed on file.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT GOULDVILLE TERRACE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the advisability of laying out and constructing Gouldville terrace, Ward 13, as a public way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following Council order.

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Street Commissioner to consider the advisability of laying out and constructing Gouldville terrace, Ward 13, as a public way."

I have ordered the necessary survey and plans for the laying out of Gouldville terrace, Dorchester.

A public hearing will be scheduled for the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BUSES FROM ARBORWAY TO HEATH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the removal of the tracks on Centre street, Jamaica Plain, and South Huntington avenue, and runing buses from the Arborway to a transfer point at Heath street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
September 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

The Board ot Trustees have directed me to reply to your reference of August 31 in connection with the Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, and South Huntington Avenue car line.

They have given the request consideration, and it is physically impractical, because of a number of different factors, to make such a change.

The Forest Hills subway line is one of the heavy main lines of the system. The loop at Heath street, which is all we were able to secure from the government, is totally inadequate for such a transfer interchange point, and the cars that would have to run from that loop to the subway—if it were adequate—would not have efficient access to the carhouse from which they run.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

PAY SCHEDULES FOR ORDERLIES AND MAIDS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Budget Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the effecting of a fair and equitable pay schedule for orderlies and ward maids at the Boston City Hospital.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Budget Department, September 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor' Office.

Dear Sir:

City Council order of August 21, 1950, reading as follows, has been received.

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with the Budget Commissioner and the Trustees

of the Boston City Hospital for the purpose of effecting a fair and equitable pay schedule for orderlies and ward maids at the Boston City Hospital."

Several years ago, the employees in the labor service of the Boston City Hospital were reclassified by the Civil Service Commission. This reclassification abolished the then existing classifications in the labor service which, of course, included the classifications of orderlies and ward maids. In place thereof the Civil Service Commission established the classifications of hospital medical worker, hospital kitchen worker, hospital laundry worker, and hospital house worker. All these classifications are interchangeable without examination under the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission.

Upon completion of this reclassification by the Civil Service Commission, and after many conferences with hospital officials and representatives of employees involved, a Pay-Plan, consisting of minimum and maximum salaries with intermediate increments was established and put into effect. The range of compensation for this Pay-Plan is the same for each of these classifications mentioned above. Otherwise, the interchangeability established by civil service would be defeated. As far as I can determine, this Pay-Plan has met with full approval of the employees at the hospital as being fair and equitable.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN A. SULLIVAN,
Budget Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON DUDLEY STREET AT RAILROAD BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights on Dudley street, at each side of the railroad bridge at Alexander street and Humphreys street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to City Council order of August 21, 1950, requesting the advisability of installing traffic lights on Dudley street, at each side of the railroad bridge at Alexander street and Humphreys street, I wish to report that we shall take steps to accomplish the installation of flashing signals at this bridge.

Sincerely yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" AND "REDUCE SPEED" SIGNS AT FIELDS CORNER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the placement of "Slow" signs and "Reduce Speed" signs at the entrance of Fields Corner business district.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to City Council order of August 21, 1950, requesting the placement of "Slow" signs throughout the business district of Fields Corner and "Reduce Speed" signs at the entrance to Fields Corner business district, I wish to report that "Slow" signs will be painted in the roadways within ten days in this area.

"Reduce Speed" signs are not used by our department.

Sincerely yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

GREENDALE, COURTLAND, DEERING, AND GOODALE ROADS TO BE ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the making of Greendale road, Courtland road, Deering road, and Goodale road one-way streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated August 21, 1950, Requesting a Survey of the Advisability of Making Greendale Road, Courtland Road, Deering Road, and Goodale Road One-Way Streets.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on September 8, 1950, it was voted to make the following streets one way in the direction indicated:

Estella Street, Dorchester
From Harvard street to Morton street.
Greendale Road, Dorchester
From Courtland road to Wellington Hill street.
Courtland Road, Dorchester
From Morton street to Greendale road.
Deering Road, Dorchester
From Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street.
Goodale Road, Dorchester
From Wellington Hill street to Blue Hill avenue.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SARATOGA STREET AND BARNES AVENUE, WARD 1.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Saratoga street and Barnes avenue in Ward 1.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated August 21, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Corner of Saratoga Street and Barnes Avenue in Ward 1.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on September 8, 1950, it was voted to install traffic signals at the intersection of Barnes avenue and Saratoga street.

The necessary work required for the installation of traffic signals at any given intersection will be started immediately for this traffic light installation.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGNS AT PARKMAN AND ADAMS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the installation of "Stop" signs at the junction of Parkman and Adams streets in Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: City Council Order of August 21, 1950, Requesting the Installation of "Stop" Signs at the Junction of Parkman and Adams Streets in Ward 16.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on September 8, 1950, it was voted to make Adams street, Dorchester, a "Stop" street at Parkman street.

The necessary signs will be erected in the very near future.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAINTING CROSSWALKS AT FIELDS CORNER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the painting of crosswalks at all intersections at Fields Corner.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 1, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to City Council order of August 21, 1950, requesting that crosswalks be painted at all intersections of Fields Corner, this will be accomplished within ten days.

Sincerely yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

EXCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON WASHINGTON STREET, FROM NONANTUM STREET TO NEWTON LINE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the request that commercial vehicles be kept from using Washington street, from Nonantum street to the Newton line.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated August 28, 1950, Requesting that Commercial Vehicles Be Kept from Using Washington Street, from Nonantum Street to the Newton Line.

Dear Sir:

A survey of this area indicates that it would not be feasible to restrict commercial vehicles from the use of Washington street, from Nonantum street to the Newton line, due to the following factors:

1. It is difficult to enforce such a restriction inasmuch as commercial vehicles cannot be completely excluded because of local needs for deliveries.
2. There is no alternate route which could be used efficiently by such vehicles without creating an identical problem in whatever route was adopted.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FACILITIES FOR JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the development to replace the playground facilities which were lost in the land-taking at the Jefferson Playground in Roxbury.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order, dated August 21, requesting to submit to the Boston City Council a report setting forth the plans which the Park Department has developed to replace the playground facilities which were lost in the land-taking at the Jefferson Playground.

I desire to state that more than half the area lost was ledgy land and was absolutely of no use for playground purposes. The rest of the area was used as a softball field.

We are now using the area below the school between the ledges for the purpose of playing ball. At the present time there is nothing that we can promise for the development of the Jefferson Playground as it appears that this playground is sufficient to accommodate the play facilities for which it is now being used.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAY AREA AT CALUMET AND DARLING STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the making of the area at the corner of Calumet and Darling streets a play area for the children of that neighborhood.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 7, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated August 21, requesting to make the area at the corner of Calumet and Darling streets a play area for the children of the neighborhood.

Located within a short distance from this area is the McLaughlin Playground. According to the latest Planning Board reports there are enough play areas in this vicinity of Roxbury.

At the present time we have no funds for acquiring additional land for play areas, and the development of same.

Accordingly it would be impossible at this time to recommend the acquisition of this area.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the surveying of Franklin Field so that this field can properly be reconstructed for the pleasure of the playing and the athletic activities in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated August 28, requesting to immediately begin a survey on Franklin Field so that this field can properly be reconstructed for the pleasure of the playing and the athletic activities in Ward 14.

This matter has been referred to the Chief Engineer in this department.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

GRASS PLOT IN MIDDLE OF COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the construction of the middle of Columbia road, particularly in front of St. Kevin's Church, in Ward 13, with a grass plot.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 5, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This in in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council on August 28:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct the middle of Columbia road, particularly in front of St. Kevin's Church, in Ward 13, with a grass plot."

While I am anxious to do everything within reason to beautify the roadway area of Columbia road, in front of St. Kevin's Church, I believe that it would be most impractical to provide for a grass plot in the 7-foot center reservation that is to be constructed in the center of that important artery in front of the church. Grass areas are very attractive and enhance the appearance of a highway if they can be properly maintained. However, it would be impossible to maintain any grass area in the center island in front of St. Kevin's Church, because of the large number of pedestrians who would have occasion to cross Columbia road going to and from the church.

Aside from this point, it is almost impossible, in my opinion, to maintain a grass area in a proper condition in an island as narrow as the one that is to be installed in Columbia road. The only type of surface that should be provided in a 7-foot center island is a durable one similar to concrete, stone flagging, or asphalt. This type of surface requires little or no maintenance and can be considered attractive, particularly with the addition of adequate street lights which are to be provided in the center reservation of Columbia road.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF STREETS IN WARDS 12 AND 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11. 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the thorough cleaning of all streets in the Ward 14 and Ward 12 area prior to September 12 for the forthcoming high holiday season.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 5, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of August 28:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to order a thorough cleaning of all streets in the Ward 14 and Ward 12 area prior to September 12 for the forthcoming high holiday season."

I am pleased to comply with the provisions of the above, and assure you that arrangements will be made to concentrate street cleaning activities in Ward 12 and Ward 14 during the current week, in order to make certain that all streets are in a clean condition for the holiday season.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REOPENING OF HYDE PARK OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the reopening of the Hyde Park office of the Water Department in order to meet the needs and demands for service in the outlying districts.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of August 28:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reopen the Hyde Park office of the Water Department in order to meet the needs and demands for service in the outlying districts."

The Hyde Park district is now served from the local water yard that is located on Child street, Jamaica Plain. The latter-referenced yard is not ideally located to cover the Hyde Park area, although I have never received any complaints from the residents or businessmen of Hyde Park concerning service rendered to that district in connection with the maintenance, repair, and operation of the water system.

However, an investigation is now being made to determine the best site for a district water yard

to serve the Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and West Roxbury districts, because the existing location on Child street is in the process of being taken by the Boston Housing Authority as a site for a housing project. Possibly, this investigation will disclose the necessity of reopening another yard in the Hyde Park area.

In any event, you may be assured that every consideration will be given to locate the new yard or yards in the West Roxbury-Hyde Park districts so that we shall be able to render satisfactory service to the residents and businessmen of these areas.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF CRIPPS-LEBLANC SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order rescinding a prior order passed by your Honorable Body on August 21, 1950, and approved by me on August 22, 1950, naming the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, the John A. Cripps Square.

A second order submitted, herewith, provides for the naming of this same intersection the Cripps-LeBlanc Square in joint honor of John A. Cripps and Paul LeBlanc, two veterans of World Ward II who were killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans after due consideration of this requested change by your Honorable Body has recommended that this site be named the Cripps-LeBlanc Square.

I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans it was voted to request that the order passed by the City Council on August 21, 1950, and approved by your Honor on August 22, 1950, naming the space at the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, the "John A. Cripps Square," be rescinded, and that the same intersection be designated the "Cripps-LeBlanc Square" in joint honor of John A. Cripps and Paul LeBlanc, two veterans of World Ward II who were killed in action.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council on August 21, 1950, and approved by the Mayor on August 22, 1950, naming the space at the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, the John A. Cripps Square, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Franklin street and Appian Way, Ward 22, be named Cripps-LeBlanc Square in joint honor of John A. Cripps and Paul LeBlanc, late veterans of World War II.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION IN PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed request for transfer of appropriation, together with the accompanying order, is forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F, Special Items, $75,000, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, A, Personal Service, $75,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Arthur P. Baker, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Boston Metropolitan Building and Wilbur Theatre, for compensation for damage to property by negligent maintenance of sewers.

George Bova, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Mary A. Brennan, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Warren Avenue Bridge.

Edward E. Callahan, for compensation for damage to property at 247 West street, Hyde Park, during reconstruction of West street.

Edward H. Cardoza, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 180 Stimson street, West Roxbury, caused by water being shut off.

Sam Coulter, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

John V. Farragher, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mrs. F. Fichera, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 6 Burr street, Jamaica Plain.

Ralph L. Fink, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Park Department.

Lawrence M. Fleming, for compensation for damage to property at 148 Washington street, Hyde Park, during construction of sidewalks.

Mary M. Foley, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Ora Hodges, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 99 Kilsyth road.

Edmund Jevely, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Walter Klaman, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Grove street, during installation of water meters.

Lucille Kulbacki, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 726 Hyde Park avenue, caused by water being shut off.

Abraham Levy, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Fire Department.

Appollonia Lynch, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 148 Washington street, Brighton, caused by water being shut off.

Francis J. Mannix, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Paisley park, Dorchester, caused by ball thrown from Town Field.

Maverick Spa, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 1 Maverick square, East Boston, caused by break in water pipe.

James McGonagle, for compensation for damage to property at 81 Old Harbor street, caused by defect in sewer.

Max Michaels, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Staniford and Cambridge streets.

Patrick O'Connor, for compensation for injuries to son, John, caused by an alleged defect in Emmons Playground, Charlestown.

John F. Scott, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Fire Department.

Samuel Smith, for compensation for damage to car caused by car of Traffic Commission.

Mrs. Vangel S. Soter, for compensation for damage to hot water boiler at 77 Harbor View street, caused by water being shut off.

State Street Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 192–204 Washington street and 10 State street, caused by break in water main.

Charles F. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car caused by truck of Fire Department.

William J. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 285 Norfolk street, Dorchester.

Sun Oil Company, for compensation for loss of time of tanker "Sylvia," caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea Street Bridge.

James A. Susi, for use of equipment and services rendered at Sumner Tunnel.

Mrs. Alex Young, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 8 Burr street, Jamaica Plain, caused by water being shut off.

Edward J. Sweeney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Abraham Zevin, for compensation for damage to property at 2821 and 2823 Washington street, caused by water from street.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

The petition of H. B. Vaughan for children under fifteen years of age to appear at Boston Opera House and Hotel Bradford September 17, 1950, was received and granted under the usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of John D. Cole and Albert L. Rosenberg, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMISSION ON 1950 TAX RATE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, August 25, 1950.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Finance Commission herewith presents an analysis of the 1950 Boston tax rate. It is essentially an enumeration of the factors which enter the computation of the tax rate and an explanation of the changes in these factors from the previous year.

The purpose of this analysis is to promote a wider understanding of the elements involved; it is not to attack the 1950 rate as unwarranted, or to defend it as unavoidable. It is, rather, to explain its evolution and to place the figures of the computation on an accessible record. In order that the mechanics of the computation may be easily understood, a short explanation is offered.

From the figures of the sum appropriated to run the city and county governments (called Warrants and Appropriations) there is subtracted all the income expected (except that derived from property taxation). This income is known as the "Credits and Deductions." The result of this subtraction is the "Net Requirements Before Adding Overlay." The overlay is a sum added to serve as a cushion to absorb the refunds on account of abatements. A sum representing the estimated Poll Tax is also subtracted. The result is the final amount to be raised by taxation, which, being divided by the number of thousands of dollars in the assessed valuation of property in the city, determines the tax rate per $1,000 of valuation.

The rate established for 1950 is $63 per $1,000 of valuation. It compares with $56.80 in 1949. It is the highest rate of taxation in the long history of the city.

The starting point in the rate computations is the Table of Warrants and Appropriations, which follows.

TABLE 1.
WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

PURPOSE.	1949.	1950.
City Maintenance Requirements	$76,568,460 37	$80,933,350 52
County Maintenance Requirements	5,349,221 71	5,620,893 98
School Maintenance Requirements	22,408,375 62	23,904,847 83
School Buildings, Alterations, etc.	3,316,068 72	2,646,138 31
School Debt Requirements	176,391 25	170,873 75
City Debt Requirements	8,363,683 94	9,706,745 97
County Debt Requirements	143,315 00	128,887 50
Pension Accumulation	1,763,828 00	1,852,019 00
State-Boston Retirement	351,158 16	350,394 00
Overlay Deficits — 1930–1949	5,823,463 17	—
Overlay Retirement Funding Account, Acts of 1950	—	2,000,000 00
Metropolitan Transit Authority Railway Deficit	5,745,655 91	836,976 40
Metropolitan Transit Authority Debt Retirement	—	410,929 19
Metropolitan Transit Authority Rentals	225,339 80	130,376 53
Boston Elevated Railway Deferred Interest Charge	1,680 20	—
Boston Elevated Railway Declaratory Judgment	2,993 17	—
Metropolitan Transit Authority Rental Interest	1,033 80	1,118 06
Metropolitan District Assessments, etc.	1,271,689 76	1,676,049 53
Totals	$131,512,358 58	$130,369,600 57

The items in Table 1, may be classified in five categories:

1. City, County, and School Administration and Debt Requirements. (This category accounts for the first seven items in the table.)
2. Pension and Retirement Requirements.
3. Overlay Deficit Requirements.
4. M.T.A. and Boston Elevated Requirements.
5. Metropolitan District Commission Requirements.

The first category, which shows an increase in 1950 of almost $7,000,000, represents areas which are under the control of the city, county, and school administrations. The second category represents an accumulation outside of executive control.

In the case of the third category, the city is entering changed conditions. Heretofore, the law

required that Overlay Deficits, the amount by which the Overlay which had been put in the tax levy failed to meet the amount of abatements granted, be provided for in the current levy. In 1949 the amount of $5,823,463 had to be provided for in the tax levy; but an item called Surplus Revenue of $5,410,000 was a substantial offset in this case. In 1950, the city found itself faced with an amount of over $11,000,000 in an inherited deficit, and petitioned the Legislature to be spared the impact of such an amount in the levy. The Legislature then permitted the financing of this amount over a period of years and permitted the city to appropriate $2,000,000 for this purpose in 1950.

The fourth category, the Metropolitan Transit Authority assessments, likewise finds Boston entering a new era. The item, "Metropolitan Transit Authority Bond Payments—$410,929.19," represents Boston's share in 1950 of the charge on all the cities and towns in the Transit District, incurred when the Metropolitan Transit Authority took over the city's subway properties under the 1949 Act. This act abolished the city's Transit Department and transferred its subway construction functions to the Metropolitan Transit Authority, but Boston will continue for many years to pay its share of the financing entailed.

Besides such Metropolitan Transit Authority debt requirement, there is also the matter of the railway deficit. The Legislature authorized the various cities and towns in the district to borrow for the purpose of financing these accumulated deficits in 1949. Boston borrowed $10,150,000, and the city will make annual payments of $1,015,000 from 1950 through 1959 for this purpose. In further addition there is Boston's share of the subsequent operating deficit of $836,976.

Obviously, therefore, Boston is entering a period of transit financing which will entail bond retirement for many years, and may also entail operating deficits, not to mention its share of the cost of expansion of the railway. This expansion will cost approximately $80,000,000, of which Boston's share would be about 65 per cent.

Another item of interest is the sizable increase in Metropolitan District Assessments of approximately $400,000 over 1949. The appropriation for this item has just about doubled since 1945. Of course, the Metropolitan District Commission has absorbed many administrative responsibilities formerly borne by the city.

Detail of General Appropriations.

The following table supplies a breakdown of the appropriations for city and school functions and shows the changes over 1949.

Table 2.

Detail of General Appropriations.

Purpose.	1949.	1950.	Increase or Decrease.
Schools, Maintenance	$22,408,375 62	$23,904,847 83	+$1,496,472 21
Buildings (Alterations)	3,316,068 72	2,646,138 31	−669,930 41
Debt Requirements	176,391 25	170,873 75	−5,517 50
Statutory Payment on Loans	477,000 00	321,000 00	−156,000 00
Interest on City Debt	1,619,832 80	1,636,318 45	+16,485 65
Serial Debt	6,743,851 14	8,070,427 52	+1,326,576 38
Fire Department	9,623,284 57	8,698,067 38	−925,217 19
Health Department	1,427,778 84	1,512,188 00	+84,409 16
Hospital Department	11,228,765 00	11,601,255 00	+372,490 00
Institutions Department	2,700,203 95	2,520,290 72	−179,913 23
Park Department	3,032,705 76	2,804,184 00	−228,521 76
Police Department	10,837,671 69	10,278,533 00	−559,138 69
Public Library	2,504,285 00	2,579,527 00	+75,242 00
Public Welfare	16,167,130 72	19,262,112 88	+3,094,982 16
Public Works Department	10,937,379 88	10,614,792 20	−322,587 68
Department of Veterans' Services	1,148,623 84	1,447,820 50	+299,196 66
General Purposes (City)	6,108,631 12	* 8,893,579 84	+2,784,948 72
Overlay Deficits (1937–48)	5,823,463 17	—	−5,823,463 17
Overlay Retirement Funding Account, Acts of 1950	—	2,000,000 00	+2,000,000 00
Administrative Survey	50,000 00	—	−50,000 00
State-Boston Retirement	351,158 16	350,394 00	−764 16
Pension Accumulation Fund	1,763,828 00	1,852,019 00	+88,191 00
Snow Removal	325,000 00	400,000 00	+75,000 00
Total City and Schools	$118,771,429 23	$121,564,369 38	+$2,792,940 15
County	5,492,536 71	5,749,781 48	+257,244 77
Total City, Schools, and County	$124,263,965 94	$127,314,150 86	+$3,050,184 92
State Warrants	7,248,392 64	3,055,449 71	−4,192,942 93
Grand Totals	$131,512,358 58	$130,369,600 57	−$1,142,758 01

* Includes Pensions and Annuities, Non-Contributory ($2,423,131.19).

The third column in Table 2 shows the extent of the change in appropriation in the several areas of administration. Schools are seen to have risen by $821,025; serial debt plus interest on city debt has increased $1,343,062. The latter figure includes the $1,015,000 which is the 1950 payment on account of the Metropolitan Transit Authority deficits previously mentioned. Other named departments are self-explanatory. The item "General Purposes" refers to those other departments not specified; however, it should be noted that this figure includes an amount of $2,423,131 for Pensions and Annuities (non-contributory). The "Overlay" situation has been explained previously.

A surface examination of this table may be misleading. For example, the apparent decrease in appropriations for the Fire and Police Departments is accounted for by the fact that in 1950 for the first time "Non-Contributory Pensions and Annuities" have been taken out of the department's appropriation and grouped with similar costs for other departments in the general item "Pensions and Annuities (non-contributory)." In this general item there is the sum of $980,000 for pensioners and annuitants of the Fire Department and $1,133,260 for pensioners and annuitants of the Police Department. Accordingly, adding those sums to the other appropriations for Fire and Police Departments would make the Fire Department total $9,678,067 and the Police Department total $11,411,793, which would make the total cost of the needs for the Fire and Police Departments actually above 1949 figures.

The collective figure of $2,423,131 for "Non-Contributory Pensions and Annuities" which appears at the bottom of the list is incorporated in the item labeled "General Purposes," which means "Other Departments, not separately listed." However, throwing the appropriations for "Pensions and Annuities" into "General Purposes" has the effect in this table of lowering individual department appropriations, while increasing the figure for a miscellaneous group of departments.

Credits and Deductions.

The following table of income apart from property and poll taxes shows a net loss in 1950 over 1949 of over $8,500,000.

Table No. 3.

Credits and Deductions.	1949.	1950.
Estimated Receipts (Auditor)	$13,223,500 00	$16,942,962 65
Estimated Receipts (Authority by Henry F. Long — special item)	2,388,202 79	—
Educational Income (Schools)	2,448,176 84	2,670,497 89
Income Tax (State)	4,130,236 57	5,541,858 17
Henry F. Long Letter, February 18, 1949, Additional — special item	1,182,123 00	—
Corporation Tax (State)	4,313,699 69	6,262,323 81
State-Owned Lands (State)	73,844 38	200,033 97
Motor Excise (City Auditor)	1,500,000 00	2,000,000 00
Old Age (meals) State	275,084 49	285,461 47
City Treasurer Certificate, 1949 (Chapter 572)	5,745,000 00	—
Loans (Welfare)	2,000,000 00	—
Available Funds (Surplus Revenue Appropriation)	5,410,000 00	—
Gas and Electric Franchise	90 12	36 01
Boston-Metropolitan District Adjustments	—	96,690 00
Smoke	—	122 50
Chapter 804	—	83 80
Totals	$42,689,957 88	$34,000,070 47

The first item, the Auditor's Estimate of Departmental Receipts, shows an increase of over $3,700,000 for 1950, the breakdown of which appears in the following table:

TABLE No. 4.

AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS.

DEPARTMENT.	1949.	1950.
Board of Real Estate Commissioners	$110,000 00	$100,000 00
Boston Traffic Commission	12,000 00	15,000 00
Building Department	92,000 00	80,000 00
City Clerk	60,000 00	61,000 00
Collecting Department	50,000 00	30,000 00
Election Department	1,500 00	1,400 00
Fire Department	160,000 00	160,000 00
Health Department	35,000 00	100,000 00
Hospital Department	1,300,000 00	1,750,000 00
Sanatorium Division	105,000 00	100,000 00
Institutions Department	42,500 00	50,000 00
Interest	60,000 00	75,000 00
Library Department	30,000 00	31,600 00
Licensing Board	55,000 00	65,000 00
Liquor Licenses	1,590,000 00	1,575,000 00
Mayor	125,000 00	120,000 00
Park Department	95,000 00	110,000 00
Pedler's Licenses	9,000 00	9,000 00
Police Department	120,000 00	75,000 00
Public Buildings Department	25,000 00	25,000 00
Market Division	115,000 00	115,000 00
Public Welfare Department	7,000,000 00	9,959,962 65
Public Works Department	80,000 00	75,000 00
Registry Department	60,000 00	50,000 00
Department of Veterans' Services	400,000 00	600,000 00
Street Laying-Out Department	140,000 00	125,000 00
Treasury Department	4,000 00	5,000 00
Weights and Measures Department	23,000 00	22,000 00
Housing Authority	425,000 00	500,000 00
County of Suffolk	525,000 00	550,000 00
Courthouse Grant	100,000 00	150,000 00
Canal Street Land	7,500 00	10,000 00
Land Court Refunds	9,000 00	10,000 00
Foreign Ships, Excise Tax	13,000 00	13,000 00
Parking Meter Fees	200,000 00	225,000 00
General Revenue Discounts	45,000 00	—
Totals	$13,223,500 00	$16,942,962 65

While the revenue from many departments is expected to fall off, sizable increases in other departments may be seen, notably the Public Welfare Department, which shows an increase of approximately $3,000,000. The latter is due to increase in public assistance allowances and reimbursements due from the State.

It may be seen from Table 3 that several sources of revenue from the State show a variation between these two years. While Boston may estimate $2,178,000 more in income tax and business corporation tax than in 1949, in the latter year Boston had the advantage of an item, "Estimate Receipts (Authority of Henry Long)," of $2,388,203 which is not available in 1950.

Increases in Educational Income and State-Owned Lands may be noted. An increase of half a million dollars in Motor Excise is expected. However, the chief factors in the net drop in total "Credits and Deductions" are the three items in the 1949 list (viz., City Treasurer's Certificates' Welfare Loan, and Surplus Revenue Accounts)—which have no counterpart in 1950.

Conclusion of Computation.

The difference between "Credits and Deductions" and "Warrants and Appropriations" having produced the figure for "Net Requirements," the calculation of the rate proceeds as follows:

	1949.	1950.
Net requirements before adding Overlay	$88,822,400 70	$96,369,530 10
Overlay, 3 per cent	2,649,358 50	2,891,085 90
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property, including Polls, in 1949 and 1950	$91,471,759 20	$99,260,616 00
Poll Tax	510,450 00	508,116 00
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property in 1949 and 1950	$90,961,309 20	$98,752,500 00
Assessed Valuation	$1,601,431,500 00	$1,567,500,000 00
Tax Rate	$56 80	$63 00

These figures indicate that almost $8,000,000 more will have to be raised by taxation than in 1949.

Property Valuation.

The next change between 1949 and 1950 to be noted, and which is a factor in the increased tax rate of 1950, is the reduction in assessed valuation. The fact that the 1950 valuation is $33,931,500 lower than that for the year 1949 represents the first reversal of valuation trend since the valuations started to climb in 1945. City valuations which had reached their highest point in 1930 started to decline thereafter and continued that decline until 1944 when the drop was suddenly and arbitrarily arrested. The year 1945 marked the beginning of a rise which persisted until this year.

The reduction in valuation in 1950 of some $34,000,000 is actually and relatively not so substantial as appears at first glance. The 1949 valuation, with which this reduction is compared, was set a year ago, but during the elapsed year some $115,000,000 was trimmed from that figure by abatements. If those abatements are justifiable, the 1950 valuation figure, which is only $34,000,000 below the original 1949 valuation figure, is actually about $80,000,000 more than the final valuation figure after abatements. Moreover, some $25,000,000, according to the mayor's statement at the time the rate was set, represents "eliminated" valuations, *e.g.*, exemption of Metropolitan Transit Authority property, the taking of a pier by the Port Authority, *et al.*

However, it was recognized in the determination of the property valuation that to suddenly reduce the valuation of property in the city to a radically low level might have severe repercussions. Accordingly, a policy of continuously reducing the valuation level over a period of years has been promised. If this promise is fulfilled, the real valuation level may eventually be approached. A concomitant of this policy is the expectation of a cooperative taxpayer attitude with respect to abatements.

The following table of real property valuations shows that the greatest devaluation in any ward came in Ward 3, which represents the downtown section of Boston, and accounts for over 30 per cent of the entire valuation of the city. In this ward, the 1950 valuation is $16,175,300 lower than it was in 1949. In only seven of the twenty-two wards was there an increase in the 1950 valuation. This totaled about $10,000,000, and the increase in Ward 4, Back Bay, accounts for most of it.

COMPARISON OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

WARD.	REAL.		PERSONAL.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
1	$49,300,600	$43,259,700	$1,205,700	$1,197,000
2	38,299,900	33,596,900	633,200	648,200
3	466,598,300	450,423,000	90,735,300	86,957,100
4	94,239,900	102,611,800	1,042,700	1,017,200
5	171,181,200	168,408,400	35,070,300	34,350,800
6	80,370,400	75,308,700	2,012,500	1,881,900
7	25,785,900	25,715,000	724,800	741,700
8	25,181,500	25,165,100	1,036,000	1,142,400
9	26,210,200	24,522,800	1,188,600	1,159,500
10	18,920,500	18,647,000	387,800	333,800
11	25,766,600	24,297,800	702,200	549,500
12	30,073,100	30,286,100	472,000	429,400
13	23,186,900	23,009,500	250,600	249,500
14	43,241,000	43,537,400	999,300	1,043,700
15	20,463,900	20,557,600	363,000	354,300
16	34,129,900	33,910,700	562,000	756,800
17	33,462,500	33,526,200	479,200	477,600
18	47,765,300	48,195,000	1,277,400	1,311,800
19	32,499,600	32,025,400	665,100	669,300
20	52,227,400	52,976,000	596,800	584,300
21	74,867,700	74,803,200	919,900	867,800
22	45,345,700	45,116,700	898,900	876,400
Totals	$1,459,118,000	$1,429,900,000	$142,313,500	$137,600,000

The year 1950 is a propitious time to note the changes in the valuation picture of the city which have taken place since 1930, the year of highest valuations. The following grouping is indicative:

In 1930, Wards 1 to 4 represented 49.26% of total city valuation.
In 1950, Wards 1 to 4 represented 44.06% of total city valuation.

In 1930, Wards 5 to 13 represented 29.23% of total city valuation.
In 1950, Wards 5 to 13 represented 29.06% of total city valuation.

In 1930, Wards 14 to 22 represented 21.51% of total city valuation.
In 1950, Wards 14 to 22 represented 26.89% of total city valuation.

It may be seen by the following table that the wards show varying degrees of change. The only wards which exhibit an actual increase in dollar valuation are Wards 18, 20, and 22, but many others show a resistance to the pronounced downward trend.

Ward 3, 4, 5, and 6 represent the heaviest-valued area in the city; in 1930 they represented 61.85 per cent of the total valuation, in 1950, 55.73 per cent.

COMPARISON OF REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS, 1930 and 1950.

WARD.	Per Cent of Total Valuation by Ward.		Ward Valuation.	
	1930.	1950.	1930.	1950.
1	2 66	3 03	$48,646,600	$43,259,700
2	2 65	2 35	48,456,700	33,596,900
3	37 62	31 50	687,435,800	450,423,000
4	6 33	7 18	115,678,600	102,611,800
5	12 78	11 78	233,618,500	168,408,400
6	5 12	5 27	93,582,100	75,308,700
7	1 43	1 80	26,152,700	25,715,000
8	1 78	1 76	32,543,600	25,165,100
9	1 85	1 72	33,797,800	24,522,800
10	1 26	1 30	23,033,000	18,647,000
11	1 46	1 70	26,628,100	24,297,800
12	2 14	2 12	39,116,300	30,286,100
13	1 41	1 61	25,783,600	23,009,500
14	2 74	3 04	50,070,400	43,537,400
15	1 23	1 44	22,528,700	20,557,600
16	1 86	2 37	33,937,500	33,910,700
17	1 93	2 34	35,213,600	33,526,200
18	2 36	3 37	43,118,400	48,195,000
19	1 93	2 24	35,357,700	32,025,400
20	2 49	3 70	45,443,600	52,976,000
21	4 74	5 23	86,635,500	74,803,200
22	2 23	3 16	40,684,800	45,116,700
Totals	100 00	100 00	$1,827,460,600	$1,429,900,000

SUMMARY.

The rise in Boston's tax rate from $56.80 in 1949 to $63.00 in 1950 was occasioned by significant changes in the several components of that rate. Although Warrants and Appropriations for City, County, and School Departments increased from $124,263,966 to $127,314,151, the drop in State Warrants from $7,248,393 to $3,055,450 reduced the grand total of Warrants and Appropriations from $131,512,359 to $130,369,601.

A substantial increase of over $3,700,000 occurred in the Auditor's Estimate of Departmental Receipts and $2,178,000 more in income tax and business corporation tax is available in 1950; but the loss in other income items pulled the total of Credits and Deductions down from $42,689,958 to $34,000,070.

In brief, almost $8,000,000 more will have to be raised by property taxation in 1950 and this must come from a city valuation which is reduced by approximately $34,000,000.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. MULLEN, Chairman,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
JOSEPH K. COLLINS,
EDWARD U. LEE,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF,
Secretary.

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NOTICE FROM METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Notices were received from the Metropolitan District Commission of orders granting petitions of Boston Edison Company for location of conduits and cables in Soldiers Field road and Western avenue, and in Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Western avenue.

Placed on file.

CHANGE OF HARBOR LINE IN SAVIN HILL BAY.

A communication was received from the Port of Boston Authority acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the City Council to change the present state harbor line in Savin Hill Bay.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices of appointments by the Mayor were received as follows:

Joseph L. Malone, 296 Bellevue street, West Roxbury, to be Director of Civil Defense for the City of Boston for the term ending July 1, 1952.

David F. Supple, 28 Codman Hill avenue, Dorchester, to be a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the term ending April 30, 1952.

Severally placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FROM INCOME OF WATER DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am advised by the Public Works Commissioner that owing to the unsettled conditions of the country, water materials are rising in price and in the case of water pipe and meters, there is at the present time a delivery delay of from two to four months. In order to make certain that the Water Division has sufficient stock on hand for the year 1951, he is of the opinion that orders should be placed now for the purchase of water pipes, meters, and fittings.

The Public Works Commissioner also requires an additional sum to provide sufficient funds to pay judgments already recommended by the Water Division and approved by the City Council. Before the Public Works Commissioner can proceed with these expenditures it is necessary that an appropriation be made available. Under the circumstances, therefore, there is forwarded herewith an order transferring from the income of the Water Division the sum of $185,000 to be allocated as follows:

$110,000	for purchase of water pipe and fittings.
65,000	for purchase of water meters.
10,000	for payment of damage claims.
$185,000	

Consideration and adoption of the above-mentioned order is hereby recommended by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expense payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1950, an additional sum of $185,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Water Division of the Public Works Department for the following purposes:

C.	Equipment	$65,000
E.	Materials	110,000
F.	Special Items	10,000
		$185,000

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Merton P. Ellis, member of Board of Appeal, of his interest in a contract awarded by Boston Public Library for work at the Copley Square Library.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Notice was received from Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, of application of State Airport Management Board of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for permit to excavate, replace with sand fill and place timber piles with guard rope along the shore in Boston Harbor at East Boston, in vicinity of Bayswater street.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on the appointment by the Mayor (referred August 28) of Patrick J. Barca, as Constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that the appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Ansel and Kinsella. Whole number of ballots, 13; yeas 13, and the appointment was confirmed.

SALE OF LAND ON HOMER STREET, EAST BOSTON.

The Chair called up No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for sale of land on Homer street, East Boston, to Vincent and Helen M. D'Avella, at a minimum price of $40.

On August 21, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was voted that when the Council adjourned it would be to meet again on Monday, September 25, 1950, at 2 P.M.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS ON I STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install concrete sidewalks on Ninth street, from Broadway to First street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT AT FOURTH AND JAY STREETS, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Fourth and Jay streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS ON EAST FOURTH STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to remove all gas lamps on East Fourth street, between G and H streets, Ward 6, and replace same with modern electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SURVEY OF STREETS IN D STREET HOUSING PROJECT FOR USE BY FIRE APPARATUS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the streets in the D street housing project for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not fire apparatus can get in there if necessary.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TELEVISION ANTENNA AT D STREET PROJECT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install television antenna for the 2,000 families now living in the D street project, who have been deprived of the use of their sets.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW BOUNDARIES OF HEALTH DISTRICT COVERED BY CURTIS HALL.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to redraw the boundaries of the health district covered by the

clinics in Curtis Hall so as to include sections of Roxbury which are not conveniently located in the Whittier street health district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELIMINATION OF REFUSE COLLECTION DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Council the plans which have been developed to eliminate the collection of refuse during the early morning hours.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HARRY E. BURROUGHS NEWSBOYS FOUNDATION.

Coun. ANSEL and LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor call for a conference with Community Fund leaders and other social agencies for the purpose of keeping the Harry E. Burroughs Newsboys Foundation open and in operation. The closing of this building will be a flagrant injustice to the memory of Harry E. Burroughs, late beloved leader in civic endeavors who made this foundation possible.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND ON RIVER STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately contact the Boston Housing Authority for the purpose of taking over the land on River street, Mattapan, for playground purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to acquire the land now owned by the Public Works Department at Truman Highway and Washington street, in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park, for playground purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DAMAGE ON WOLCOTT ROAD BY EXCAVATION.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent any damage to the newly constructed houses in the Wolcott Road project in Hyde Park as a result of excavation now going on in the rear of said houses by a private owner.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT ALBERTA STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alberta street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SAFETY PATROLS IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the School Committee and Police Commissioner for the purpose of organizing safety patrols in all of the elementary schools in the city as there are not enough police officers in any one station to cover all crosswalks while children are going to and coming from schools.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear October 2, 1950:

John C. Contracchio, Ward 1; John W. Morrissey, Ward 2; Walter E. Godfrey, Ward 3; Ralph C. McLalan, Ward 3; Dwight Anderson, Ward 4; Albert J. Boudreau, Ward 4; Joseph F. MacCallum, Ward 4; Harry Corman, Ward 5; Alfred Cote, Ward 5; Ralph M. Lindsey, Ward 5; Matthew F. Perkins, Ward 5; Oscar M. Zulen, Ward 5; John F. Leahy, Ward 6; Thomas E. Lee, Ward 6; William J. Hickey, Ward 7; Edward J. Mullin, Ward 7; John Sweeney, Ward 7; John E. Pritchett, Ward 9; Maurice P. Burke, Ward 10; Edward J. Flynn, Ward 10; William D. McCauley, Ward 10; Frank T. McNamara, Ward 10; Harry C. J. Van Rooy, Ward 10; Samuel L. Arnold, Ward 12; Rayford B. Lewis, Ward 12; George H. Charleton, Ward 13; Louis Cristardoro, Ward 13; Mathew J. Drummey, Ward 13; Bernard Alfred Blank, Ward 14; David M. O'Brien, Ward 14; Paul J. Sullivan, Ward 14; Leo F. Emond, Ward 16; Henry J. Henderson, Ward 16; Leigh E. McLellan, Ward 16; Ernest Chaplin, Ward 18; George J. Kelley, Ward 19; Charles F. Kerr, Ward 19; Edward P. Ryan, Ward 19; George F. Dunkel, Ward 20; Adolph R. Jacobs, Ward 20; John F. Roddy, Ward 20; Harold A. Berman, Ward 21; Perley F. Wilson, Ward 21; Alfred H. Wickstrom, Ward 22.

One hundred forty-three traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear October 2, 1950:

Martin Banks, Ward 1; Gabriel A. Carbone, Ward 1; Andrew Costa, Ward 1; Anthony DiMarino, Ward 1; Winthrop H. Gage, Ward 1; John J. Keller, Ward 1; John Law, Ward 1; Arthur D. Leary, Ward 1; William Lupu, Ward 1; Anthony Monaco, Ward 1; Leo Totrona, Ward 1; Thomas Hallihan, Ward 2; James A. Hutchinson, Ward 2; William J. Perkins, Ward 2; Philip J. Cammarata, Ward 3; Harry Cohen, Ward 3; Henry J. Daly, Ward 3; Vincent DiCangi, Ward 3; Peter James, Ward 3; John J. Padoski, Ward 3; Eugene Piermattei, Ward 3; Joseph Sherman, Ward 3; H. Theodore Congdon, Ward 4; Donald B. Cook, Ward 4; Richard J. Drummey, Ward 4; Theodore J. Chines, Ward 4; Alton Jackson, Ward 4; Charles L. May, Jr., Ward 4; Richard McCarthy, Ward 4; William C. Roche, Ward 4; William P. Brain, Ward 5; Albert H. Chase, Ward 5; John F. Ford, Ward 5; Charles McCarthy Ward 5; Daniel R. Minihan, Ward 5; Lester S. Nash, Ward 5; Herbert White, Ward 5; Joseph A. Wilson, Ward 5; John J. Bock, Ward 6; Lawrence Connolly, Ward 6; Donald R. Hamilton, Ward 6; Charles W. McCaskill, Ward 6; Edward W. Normandin, Ward 6; John A. Nortwich, Ward 6; Thomas Byrne, Ward 7; John D. Crichton, Ward 7; Harold F. Crotty, Ward 7; Joseph T. Harrigan, Ward 7; Frederick Hayes, Ward 7; Edmund Henry, Ward 7; Patrick F. McGrath, Ward 7; William E. Murphy, Jr., Ward 7; John Roman, Ward 7; Robert A. Wood, Ward 7; Arthur F. Clay, Ward 8; George E. Day, Ward 8; Francis C. Fitzgerald, Ward 8; Frederick E. Petterson, Ward 8; Thomas F. Aylward, Ward 9; Robert J. McLaughlin, Ward 9; Arthur F. Ward, Ward 9; Michael J. Connolly, Ward 10; Lawrence M. Larkin, Ward 10; John P. Lucey, Ward 10; Richard McMillan, Ward 10; James R. Daley, Ward 11; Henry A. Mahoney, Ward 11; Wallace R. Maxwell, Ward 11; Thomas M. McGrath, Ward 11; Jacob Arluck, Ward 12; Albert J. Crockett, Ward 12; Lawrence P. Downing, Ward 12;

Napoleon M. Camboa, Ward 12; Thomas F. Keaveny, Ward 12; John J. Miller, Ward 12; William J. Patterson, Ward 12; Herbert Spencer, Ward 12.

Frederick F. McDonald, Ward 13; James E. Northall, Ward 13; Edward J. Ryan, Ward 13; William H. Sweeney, Jr., Ward 13; Samuel Ashman, Ward 14; Simon Elden, Ward 14; Morris Geller, Ward 14; William J. Leaver, Jr., Ward 14; Carl T. Weiner, Ward 14; John H. Condon, Ward 15; Thomas E. Lambert, Ward 15; Joseph A. Smith, Ward 15; Francis P. Brown, Ward 16; Edmond J. English, Ward 16; Fred S. Hibbard, Ward 16; Patrick O'Malley, Ward 16; Joseph Riley, Ward 16; Isador R. Beaman, Ward 17; Charles V. Day, Ward 17; Philip Frederick, Ward 17; Alfred R. Green, Ward 17; John J. Hart, Ward 17; Herbert John Ingram, Ward 17; Frank G. Kernon, Jr., Ward 17; James E. Middleton, Ward 17; Arnold Munnis, Ward 17; Philip E. Peters, Jr., Ward 17; William Potter, Ward 17; Joseph T. Boyd, Ward 18; Walter R. Branagan, Ward 18; Francis E. Brown, Ward 18; Cornelius F. Cotter, Ward 18; Edward J. Cox, Ward 18; James C. Lemora, Ward 18; Rex A. Parker, Ward 18; Anthony Perry, Ward 18; William E. Randolph, Jr., Ward 18; William Tarallo, Ward 18; Paul E. Brith, Ward 19; James H. Donovan, Ward 19; Joseph C. Ernst, Ward 19; Henry F. Hagman, Ward 19; Henry R. Josephs, Ward 19; Harold A. Lofgren, Ward 19; George Nickerson, Ward 19; James B. Robinson, Ward 19; Carl H. Schmidt, Ward 19; Robert Paul Dart, Ward 20; Edmond C. Gonyea, Ward 20; Paul W. Hayes, Ward 20; Paul R. Keeler, Ward 20; Joseph F. Molineaux, Ward 20; Louis Cohen, Ward 20; Earl A. Conner, Ward 21; John A. Ginty, Jr., Ward 21; George L. Healy, Ward 21; Robert S. Lyneh, Ward 21; John F. O'Brien, Ward 21; James J. Regan, Ward 21; Paul F. Riordan, Ward 21; Martin Tishler, Ward 21; Dennis J. Donovan, Ward 22; George Harold March, Ward 22; Joseph Mazzapica, Ward 22; Jeremiah R. O'Neil, Jr., Ward 22 Patrick J. Waugh, Ward 22.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.05 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 21) for transfer of appropriation of $40,000 to the Law Department — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas — Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of $185,000 from income of Water Division for equipment, materials and special items—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of appropriation of $75,000 in the Public Welfare Department, Central Office—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and two orders (referred today) for rescision of order passed August 21, 1950, naming intersection John A. Cripps Square and order naming same intersection Cripps-LeBlanc Square—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the orders were severally passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Thomas F. Girard (referred August 21) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be allowed and paid to Thomas F. Girard in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

2. Report on petition of Rosario Curallo (referred August 21) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Health Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred nineteen dollars and sixty cents ($119.60) be allowed and paid to Rosario Curallo in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Health Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

3. Report on petition of Michael J. Sergei (referred August 21) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Police Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thirty-five dollars and seventy-five cents ($135.75) be allowed and paid to Michael J. Sergei in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

4. Report on petition of Harry Reardon (referred August 21) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Public Buildings Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) be allowed and paid to Harry Reardon in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Public Bulidings Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

PERMANENT METAL AWNINGS, MARQUEES, ETC.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

An Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 41, section 22, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out clause 9c and inserting in place thereof the following:

Permanent metal awnings, marquees, etc., 20 linear feet or less, $2 per annum; more than 20 linear feet, $2 per annum, plus 10 cents per annum for each additional linear foot or fraction thereof in excess of 20 linear feet.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

PENSION INCREASE TO CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 820 of the Acts of 1950 entitled "An act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement

allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them," be and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRAIN SAFETY TRAFFIC DEVICE ON NORTH BEACON AND MARKET STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian traffic safety device on the traffic lights on North Beacon and Market streets relative to protecting the children in this area going to school.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON INCREASED ASSESSMENTS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Assessors to notify individual property owners of any proposed increase in the assessment of real property in sufficient time to have reason for such increase investigated.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.50 P.M., on motion of Councilor Kinsella, to meet on Monday, September 25, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 25, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

NEW COUNCILOR JOHN J. McCOLGAN.

Notice was received from the Board of Election Commissioners that at a special city election held in Ward 7 on September 12, 1950, for choice of one member of the City Council to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term, John J. McColgan, 23 Col. Michael J. McDonough Way, was elected.

Placed on file.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 20, 1950.

To the Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that John J. McColgan, having been duly elected to be a member of the City Council from Ward 7, to fill a vacancy, this day appeared and took the prescribed oaths of office as such member before me,

J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

President HURLEY appointed, as a committee to escort Councilor McColgan into the chamber, Councilors Hannon and Wenzler, who performed the duty assigned.

Councilor McColgan was greeted with applause upon entering the chamber.

President Hurley appointed Councilor McColgan to the following committees: chairman of Claims Committee and chairman of Committee on Public Housing; member of the Executive Committee and the committees on Finance, Prisons, Military Affairs, and Ordinances.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor appointed Robert P. Santis, 40 Lorna road, Dorchester, to be weigher of coal for the term ending April 30, 1951, and Louis E. Grace, 97 Wellington Hill street, Mattapan, to be constable authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

VETO OF ORDER RE PENSION INCREASE TO CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 21, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, without my signature and disapproved, the order passed by your Honorable Body accepting chapter 820 of the Acts of 1950, which provides for the increase of pension retirement allowances, annuities, etc., to the amount of $100 in each case.

If the aforementioned Act were to go into effect it would result in an additional appropriation of $366,000 per year.

The beneficiaries under this Act, among others, are those persons now receiving between $1,500 and $2,000 annually as pensioners, the bulk of whom were not members of the contributory pension system.

The annual pension requirements of the city are now $4,765,281, more than half of which is paid to persons who made no contributions to the city.

I am of the opinion that the state of the city's finances cannot withstand annual increases in pension requirements, as has occurred each year since 1946. On the other hand, I recognize that increased costs for necessities of life make it difficult for persons on pensions to provide for ordinary needs. However, until and unless there is a decided upward rise in the present cost of living, I am disinclined to add this additional expense to the budget of the city.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SMOKE NUISANCE, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to your order of July 31, 1950, concerning the smoke nuisance from the Walter Baker Company in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of Public Utilities,
Boston, September 18, 1950.

Mr. Thomas J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

As requested in your communication dated August 4, 1950, there are submitted herewith reports covering an investigation into an alleged smoke and soot nuisance at Walter Baker Mills in Milton, Mass. Since it is indicated in the final report received from the Smoke Inspection Division that there is no violation of the smoke law involved, the case is now considered closed.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS A. FLAHERTY, Chairman.

September 15, 1950.

FINAL REPORT BY THE DIVISION OF SMOKE INSPECTION OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL COMPLAINT AGAINST SMOKE FROM THE WALTER BAKER COMPANY IN DORCHESTER.
(Preliminary Report Dated August 15, 1950.)

The chief engineer, Mr. Hewins, of the Walter Baker Company, adopted our suggestion of blowing the tubes four times in a 24-hour period instead of twice, as was formerly done.

All blowing occurred during the nighttime hours, as the front office will not permit blowing of tubes during the daylight hours. This practice was continued for six days from August 15, and then was discontinued. In going back to blowing the tubes twice a day their engineers observed no appreciable difference in the amount of matter emanating from the stack. Therefore they are continuing their usual routine of tube-blowing twice a day.

An inspector from this division checked the stack for smoke on the night of September 14, 1950, Tubes were blown from 8.21 to 8.31 P.M. There was one minute of heavy black smoke observed at the beginning of the blowing of the first pass of the boiler. During the romainder of the period there was no indication of smoke at the top of the chimney.

As far as noise is concerned, the inspector, at a distance of 150 yards, could hear the tube blowers operating during the 10-minute period.

The plant was subsequently observed for an entire hour from 8.45 to 9.45 P.M., with no smoke seen.

Since the stack does not violate the smoke law, it would seem the Walter Baker Company is keeping smoke and soot at an absolute minimum.

We shall continue to keep this stack under routine observation.

August 15, 1950.

INVESTIGATION BY THE DIVISION OF SMOKE INSPECTION OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL COMPLAINT CONCERNING SMOKE FROM THE WALTER BAKER COMPANY IN DORCHESTER.

The order for the investigation was passed by the City Council on July 31, 1950, received by the

Mayor's Office August 4, 1950, by the Public Utilities August 8, 1950, and by the Division of Smoke Inspection August 14, 1950.

Four hours' observation of the Walter Baker stack was made, two in the afternoon of August 14 and two on the morning of August 15, a total of 3½ minutes of No. 2 (40 per cent black) or greater smoke was observed in this period.

The inspector visited the plant and talked with a Mr. Hewins, chief engineer, and a Mr. Dailey, superintendent of maintenance. At the present time the plant is composed of two B. & W. boilers, burning No. 6 fuel oil. This fuel oil is preheated in storage tanks and by heaters in the boiler room to a temperature of 220 degrees. There also is an incinerator containing a separate connection to the stack. The chief engineer has no control over the incinerator operation, and this is under the supervision of Mr. Dailey, who is in charge of housekeeping conditions throughout the factory. The incinerator is in constant use throughout the day and is cleaned out weekly. The refuse burned in the incinerator is of the usual character to be found in a mill or factory, cardboard boxes, papers, etc., with the exception that occasionally papers which contained cocoa butter are burned. Mr. Dailey, however, informed the inspector that at no time have these cocoa butter papers been burned in concentration, but rather they are fed into the incinerator sparingly with the other refuse.

The boiler tubes are blown twice in each 24 hours. This is always done during the night watches.

As far as the incinerator is concerned, it is highly doubtful if it smokes heavy at any time. However, the superintendent of maintenance has declared that he will supervise the incinerator operation carefully to see that it is not forced at any time.

The oil burners themselves should not smoke, and, as general conditions in the boiler room can be classified as "very good," it is doubtful that this stack violates the smoke law or even smokes heavy except for occasional puffs. Records in this office show no smoke violations in the last five years.

As far as the soot is concerned, it is probable that the nuisance is being caused by the blowing of the boiler tubes. However, this is an absolutely necessary supplement to efficient operation. The only suggestion which I have to make is that it might be possible to alleviate this soot condition slightly by more frequent blowing of these tubes. I have talked with Mr. Hewins, chief engineer of the Baker plant, today about this. He is going to experiment with blowing the tubes four times in a 24-hour period instead of twice, starting today. We, in turn, are going to observe the stack while this is taking place in order to see to it that this will not cause the stack to violate the smoke law. The theory behind it is that lesser amounts of soot will be blown out at one time and will be dispersed more thinly over a much wider area by the winds.

The Walter Baker people are most cooperative and have assured us that they do not wish to be a nuisance to their neighbors in any sense.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Doyle,
Director, Division of Smoke Inspection.

Placed on file.

SURVEY OF STREETS IN D STREET HOUSING PROJECT FOR USE BY FIRE APPARATUS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the survey of the streets in the D Street Housing Project for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not fire apparatus can get in there if necessary.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, September 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Your Honor:

In compliance with your request to consider and report on the City Council order of September 11,1950, requesting that a survey be made of the streets in the D Street Housing Project for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not fire apparatus can get in there if necessary, I enclose herewith a communication from the acting chief of the department which is self-explanatory.

This report contains the thinking of the acting chief of the department, the deputy chief in charge of the division, and the district chief in charge of District 6, in which the project is located.

I concur with their recommendations and I trust that measures will be taken to carry same out and remedy the conditions which exist in the vicinity of this project.

Respectfully yours,

Michael T. Kelliher,
Fire Commissioner.

September 18, 1950.

From: The Acting Chief of Department.
To: The Fire Commissioner.
Subject: Parking Hazard, South Boston Project.
Sir:

In compliance with your request, I report making an investigation at the D Street Housing Project, accompanied by Deputy Chief Patrick E. Collins of Division 2 and District Chief Michael Foley of District 6. Ladder Company 5 was driven through the various streets. This was very shortly after 11 a.m., Friday, September 15, 1950.

Parking is permitted on one side of these narrow streets, and not too much space is left for apparatus to pass the parked automobiles.

On account of the narrow ways, it was quite a problem in making turns at some corners. Traffic directional poles are too near corners to allow clearance for overhang of aeriel ladder. Permissible parking of automobiles is also allowed too near corners.

After 6 p.m., of the same day, September 15, Acting Deputy Chief Miles V. Murphy of Division 2 and District Chief William Jeffers of District 6 made an inspection tour of traffic conditions at this project.

In laying out the ways in this project, the necessity of passing through was not considered. Automobile parking at night is greater than during the day.

On November 14, 1949, a communication was submitted by District Chief William B. Coughlan of District 6 calling attention to the parking hazard and the narrow streets. The buildings in this project are three stories and of brick construction.

Considering that the project is already built and occupied and in order to facilitate the progress of fire apparatus into this project in case of fire, I recommend:

That parking of automobiles be prohibited within forty feet of intersection and corners of ways—not to apply to parking areas.

That directional signs be moved as far from corners as conditions will permit. That curbing, dividing the ways and grass plots and sidewalks, at corners of two ways, be cut back to allow more room at these corners for the apparatus to make the necessary turns.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Martell,
Acting Chief of Department.

Placed on file.

TWO-WAY RADIO SETS IN CITY HOSPITAL AMBULANCES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the president of the Board of Trustees at the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning two-way radio sets being installed in the Boston City Hospital ambulances.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston City Hospital,
September 12, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 8, 1950, your communication of August 23 was presented, enclosing City Council order of August 21, 1950, requesting that two-way radio sets be installed in the Boston City Hospital ambulances.

The Trustees voted to refer this to the next budget.

Very truly yours,
MARTIN J. ENGLISH, M.D.,
President, Board of Trustees.

Placed on file.

NURSING ACCOMMODATIONS AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the president of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the present nursing accommodations at the Hospital.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston City Hospital,
September 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately hold a special meeting for the purpose of enlarging the nursing staff in the wards throughout the Boston City Hospital, as the present nursing accommodations are inadequate and have led to a general breakdown of efficiency and morale and the well-being of the patients confined in the hospital, and be it further

"Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital invite members of the Boston City Council to sit in with the Board at its special meeting." (City Council order of August 28, 1950 — Councilor Ansel).

A conference was held between the Trustees and Miss Ennis (acting nursing director in the absence of Miss Welch, who is on vacation), and the entire nursing personnel at the hospital was discussed in minute detail.

I am enclosing a copy of the nursing statistics at the Boston City Hospital as of September 1, 1950.

In perusing this statistical report, you will note that the male and female personnel of the entire group under Miss Welch's direction totals 1,165. The actual number of head nurses in the hospital floor duty nurses (who are graduate nurses of the hospital), nurses in the training school, affiliate nurses, and ward attendants totals 587; so that the female nursing personnel, outside of administrators and teachers in the training school, figures the entire personnel in actual contact with the patients.

The above figures show that, with 587 active bedside nurses and a hospital population of 1,400 to 1,500 patients, there is about one nurse to every two to three patients, which is just about the standard required by the State and National Nursing Associations. Any further increase of this quota would entail a much larger increase in the hospital budget. Of course, during the summer when many are on vacation and the number of patients at the hospital is a little less, with no epidemic present, this ratio might be temporarily less.

A breakdown of the above statistics is enclosed herewith.

The Trustees feel that the nursing personnel is adequate to take care of the patients, as noted on the attached statistical report and breakdown. They also feel that this report and breakdown answers Councilor Ansel's order in the City Council.

Sincerely yours,
MARTIN J. ENGLISH, M.D.,

NURSING PERSONNEL AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1950.

BCH students	165
Students graduated since Sept. 1	11
Preclinical students	74
Entered September 6, 1950.	
Affiliates	71

Main Hospital.

Director	1
Assistants	6
Heads of Depts.	9
Adminis. Supervisors	9
Teaching Supervisors	16
Nursing Arts Department (1 part time)	3
Health Department	1
School of Nursing	2
	47

Head Nurses—Main Hospital.

Wards	48
Clinics	1
D. Adm.	5
D. O. R.	14
N. O. R.	1
G. O. R.	1
Blood Bank	1
O. P. D.	13
Plaster Room	1
X-Ray	2
South Department	7
	94

Floor Nurses—Main Hospital.

Wards	225
(Plus 6 employed Sept. 6th.)	
Clinics (Dental)	3
Fenwall Lab.	1
D. Adm. (1 part time)	6
D. O. R. (1 part time)	19
N. O. R.	4
G. O. R.	2
Blood Bank	2
O. P. D. (4 part time)	4
Physio Therapy	1
Plaster Room	1
Dressings	1
Vol. Office	1
X-Ray	5
EBRS	5
South Dept.	15
Total (6 part time)	295

Part Time Floor Nurses.

Wards	46
(Plus 2 employed Sept. 6th.)	

Floor Nurses, Hourly.

Wards	10

Resignations during July & August.

Head Nurses (1 retired)	1
Floor Nurses	47
Floor Nurses (part time)	8

Nurses employed September 6, 1950.

Floor Nurses	6
Floor Nurses (part time)	2

Nurses expected September 13, 1950.

Floor Nurses	14
Floor Nurses (part time)	1
Entire Personnel	1165

BREAK-DOWN OF NURSING PERSONNEL AS OF SEPT. 1, 1950.

Staff (floor duty)	295
Part time	46
Hourly	10
	351
Students	165
Affiliates	71
	587
587 Nursing Personnel to 1,400 patients.	
Probationers	74
	661
Head Nurses	94
	755
Ward attendants	170
Orderlies	240
Total personnel in nursing	1165

Placed on file.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS OUTSIDE CERTAIN SYNAGOGUES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning permanent "No Parking" signs placed outside the following named synagogues: Agudath Israel, Woodrow avenue; Anshe Volin, Howard street; Shevra Shas, Ashton street; Temple Beth Hillel, Morton street

Respectfully,
J.B. Hynes Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
September 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated August 28, 1950, Requesting That Permanent "No Parking" Signs Be Placed Outside the Following Named Synagogues: Agudath Israel, Woodrow avenue; Anshe Volin, Howard Street; Shevra Shas, Ashton street; Temple Beth Hillel, Morton Street.

Dear Sir:

Orders have been issued to prepare sketches for the erection of the desired signs, and installation will be completed within a short time.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TRAFFIC DEVICE ON NORTH BEACON AND MARKET STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the installation of a pedestrian safety device on the traffic lights at North Beacon and Market streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission.
September 14, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated September 11, 1950, Requesting the Installation of a Pedestrian Safety Device on the Traffic Lights at North Beacon and Market Streets.

Dear Sir:

The above order has been referred to the engineers of this commission for study and report.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF SAGAMORE AND SARGENT STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Sagamore and Sargent streets in Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Sagamore and Sargent streets in Ward 13, and this will advise you that Sargent street is on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Sagamore street will be added to the list.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hylann,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING SIDEWALKS ON BROOKFORD AND MAGNOLIA STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the replacing of the existing sidewalks on Brookford street and Magnolia street in Ward 13 with granolithic sidewalks.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the existing sidewalks on Brookford street and Magnolia street in Ward 13 with granolithic sidewalks, and this will advise you that Magnolia street is on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction and the installation of sidewalks thereon.

Brookford street will be added to this list.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hylann,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON I STREET BETWEEN EAST BROADWAY AND FIRST STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on I street between East Broadway and First street.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Department install cement sidewalks on I street, between East Broadway and First street, and this will advise you that same will be placed on the list to be given consideration for the installation of cement sidewalks this year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hylann,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON P STREET, FROM FIRST STREET TO COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the construction of cement sidewalks on P street, from First street to Columbia road, in Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 11, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Department construct cement sidewalks on P street, from First street to Columbia road, Ward 6, and this will advise you that same will be placed on the list to be given consideration for the installation of cement sidewalks this year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

COLLECTION OF REFUSE DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the plans which have been developed to eliminate the collection of refuse during the early morning hours.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 18, 1950.

To: Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon, Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
From: George G. Hyland, Commissioner, Public Works Department.
Subject: Order in Council, September 11, 1950.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of September 13, attaching order in Council, request of Councilor P. A. Tracey, dated September 11, 1950, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Council the plans which have been developed to eliminate the collection of refuse during the early morning hours."

Since traffic congestion, weather conditions, and habits of the residents have to be taken into consideration, no rigid plan can be developed to govern the hours of refuse collections.

However, when a complaint is received from a street or neighborhood, the foreman in charge of the district is instructed to alter his schedule to collect the refuse at a later hour in that specific area.

GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN D STREET PROJECT AND CITY POINT PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of August 28, 1950, concerning the providing of swings, slides, sand boxes, jungle trapezes, and other playground equipment in the D Street Project and the City Point Project in Ward 6, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated August 28, requesting to provide swings, slides, sand boxes, jungle trapezes, and other playground equipment in the D Street Project and the City Point Project, South Boston.

This project is directly under the Housing Authority. The maintenance and equipment of the play areas within the housing projects are the direct responsibility of the Authority.

This matter should be referred to the Boston Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the taking of immediate steps to acquire the land now owned by the Public Works Department at Truman Highway and Washington street, in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park, for playground purposes.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 20, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order requesting that immediate steps be taken to acquire the land now owned by the Public Works Department at Truman Highway and Washington street, in the Corriganville section of Hyde Park, for playground purposes.

At the present time we have no funds within our budget by which we could acquire land, and it would be necessary to refer this matter to the Law Department to see what steps would be necessary for the acquisition of this land if it were possible to attain it.

We will endeavor to have a survey made as to the possibility of a playground at this location, but at the present time we cannot promise anything definite.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, requesting the appropriation of $20,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget estimates of the Personal Service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $20,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000, which is

now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $20,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A–1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $20,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council,
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sewer Service, A, Personal Service, $1,000, Paving Service, C, Equipment, $1,000, Sanitary Service, B, Contractual Services, $1,000, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Automotive Division, C, Equipment, $3,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Public Works Department, Reconstruction of Streets, $3,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Public Works Department, Street Signs, $3,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for General Government, Special Appropriation, Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, $10,000, to the appropriation for General Government, Special Appropriation, Public Celebrations, $10,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION TO LAW DEPARTMENT, WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION SERVICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

When the so-called Workmen's Compensation Law first became operative with respect to employees of the City of Boston and employees of the County of Suffolk, its application was limited to laborers, workmen, and mechanics as those terms are commonly understood. The majority of all laborers, workmen, and mechanics then employed either by the city or by the county were attached to the City Public Works Department. Administration of the Workmen's Compensation Law was, therefore, made an adjunct of that department.

By orders adopted by the City Council on March 22, 1948, and approved by the Mayor on April 1, 1948, the advantages of the Workmen's Compensation Law were extended to all employees of the city and of the county except members of the police and fire forces. Two and one-half years' experience under this action has demonstrated that the Public Works Department is no longer the principal department involved, but that the Hospital and School Departments are affected equally as much, if not more, than the Public Works Department. Accordingly, for efficiency's sake, the function of the Workmen's Compensation Agent should be in a department in constant contact with all city departments and county offices. The Public Works Department is not such a department, having little contact with other city departments and practically none with county offices. The Law Department, on the other hand, is such a department and, in investigating claims and handling suits, does essentially similar work. It would seem, therefore, that the greatest efficiency would be attained by having the Workmen's Compensation Service in the Law Department. To do so requires a transfer from the Public Works Department budget to the Law Department budget of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated for the Workmen's Compensation Service.

Transmitted herewith is an order affecting such transfer. I recommend its adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer on October 11, 1950, the unexpended and unencumbered balance of the appropriation for the Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service, to the appropriation for the Law Department, Workmen's Compensation Service.

Referred to Committee on Public Works.

EXEMPTION OF LIBRARY EMPLOYEES FROM 40-HOUR WORK WEEK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

This is written to withdraw the order submitted by me to your Honorable Body on August 21, 1950, for exemption of persons on the payrolls of the Library Department from G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 149, s. 33A, as amended, restricting the service of employees to five days and forty hours in any one week. The specific object which the Library Trustees sought to attain by the exemption has been accomplished administratively by a change in the City Auditor's procedure.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Nicholas Arcieri, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Park Department.

Rosemary E. Bray, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 134 Hancock street, Dorchester, during installation of water meter.

James Caggiano, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Faneuil Hall Market.

Mary C. Conlon, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in the Public Garden.

James P. Craig, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Fields Corner Daylight Alleys, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 289 Adams street, Dorchester, caused by breaking of water pipe.

B. H. Gookin, for compensation for damage to property at Wilbur Theatre, caused by break in sewer pipe.

Mary P. Hopkins, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Glen road, Jamaica Plain.

Charles H. Kewer, for compensation for damage to property at 20 Magnolia street, caused by city truck.

Frederick A. Lange, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Rose S. Levine, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Northampton and Washington streets.

William Long, to be reimbursed as result of executions issued against him.

John J. Lownie, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Mary G. Maloney, for compensation for damage to property at 145 Neponset avenue, Dorchester, caused by city truck.

Joseph Margolis, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Stephen and Joan Mekalian, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in High Bridge.

George D. Olivier, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Warren Bridge.

Celso Pareschi, for compensation for damage to property at 51 Breed street, during sidewalk construction.

John C. Parker, for compensation for injuries caused by laborer of Sanitary Department.

Arthur and Frederick R. Plummer, for compensation for damage to property at 231 and 233 West street, Hyde Park, during sidewalk construction.

Max Raines, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1031 Blue Hill avenue.

Leonard F. Ricci, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Rebecca Shrier, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 58 Angell street, Dorchester.

William M. Sinkeiwicz, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Margaret A. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Supreme Spirits Company, for compensation for damage to property at 15 Dock square, caused by defective operation of sewer system.

Elizabeth Tordiglione, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Irving F. Wait, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Executive.

Petition of Bernadette O. Carroll to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Patrick F. Carroll, late member of the Fire Department.

Petition of Mary Savage to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Joseph Savage, late member of the Police Department.

Petition of Anna H. Sweeney to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Lawrence J. Sweeney, late member of the Fire Department.

Petition of Katherine M. Ruggere to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Albert D. Ruggere, late member of the Police Department.

Petition of Minnie M. McQuarrie to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, William McQuarrie, late member of the Fire Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions for licenses to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day:

Boston Daylight Alleys, Antonio Botta, 107 Cambridge street.

Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., Morris Vigoda, 1260 Boylston street.

Broadway Recreation, Pasquale Rubicco, 448 West Broadway, South Boston.

Caledonian Bowling Alleys, Michael Palumbo, 1505 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury.

Central Park Lanes, Leonard D. DiPietro, 10 Saratoga street, East Boston.

Columbia Recreation, Joseph Rubbicco, 707A Columbia road, Dorchester.

Commonwealth Recreation Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 1105 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.

Eagle Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 2355 Washington street, Roxbury.

Hyde Park Bowling Alleys, Inc., Harold L. Waterman, 1226 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park.

Hyde Square Bowlaway, Angelo Iorio, 403 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Margaret M. Johns, 1453 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.

Lee S. King, 466 and 468C Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester.

Mattapan Bowladrome, Samuel Orren, 1348 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan.

Maverick Garden Bowladrome, Leonard D. DiPietro, 2 Maverick square, East Boston.

Alvaro Mezzetti, basement, South Station, Atlantic avenue.

Morton Recreation, Norman Norris, 700 Morton street, Dorchester.

North Station Bowling Alleys, Gene DeMarco, 222½ Friend street.

Orient Bowlaway, Henry Baldassaro, 981 Bennington street, East Boston.

Dominick Rubbicco, 4264 Washington street, Roslindale.

Scollay Square Alleys, Albert J. Magaletta, 48 Scollay square.

South Station Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 669 Atlantic avenue.

Talbot Bowladrome, Sumner Ross, 56 Talbot avenue, Dorchester.

Webster Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 26 Taber street, Roxbury.

West Roxbury Bowling Center, Stephen C. DeLosh, 119 Park street, West Roxbury.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PROBATE COURTS.

Communication from the Supreme Judicial Court on reassignment of F. Anthony Hanlon of Adams on Administrative Committee of the Probate Courts, and redesignation of John C. Leggat of Lowell as chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT E. McGOVERN.

Notice from the Board of Assessors was received of the appointment of Robert E. McGovern as permanent first assistant assessor, effective September 11, 1950, at a salary of $3,000 a year.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Notice was received of the approval by the State Fire Marshal of parking space at 271–279 Centre street and 990 and 992 Parker street.

Placed on file.

REGULATION ON MULTIPLE-BEDROOM APARTMENTS IN LOW-INCOME DEVELOPMENTS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Housing Authority relative to the abandonment of the regulation by which families requiring multiple-bedroom apartments in low-income developments are denied these apartments.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER YARD IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding the possibility of re-establishing the Sewer Yard in Charlestown, Ward 2.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR POLICE FORCE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled, hereby records itself as heartily in favor of the proposed five-day week for members of the police force.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

WELLS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

Coun. LANIGAN, KINSELLA, and ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to arrange for a conference with the Trustees of the United Community Service and the Trustees of the Wells Memorial Institute, together with a representative delegation from same, for the purpose of obtaining financial support for the Institute so that its doors will remain open and that it may continue to render valuable service to the Community.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARY INCREASE TO COLLECTORS OF MILK SAMPLES.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Health Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to increase the salary of five collectors of milk samples, of the Milk Inspection Division, $300 a year. This increase will place these men on the same pay scale as other health inspectors.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REDUCTION IN OLD AGE ASSISTANCE BY COMMONWEALTH.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on record as opposed to the reduction in Old Age Assistance payments now granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to its elderly, needy citizens. This reduction has been deemed advisable, apparently, in view of the increase granted in social security payments by the federal government.
This reduction in Old Age Assistance by the Massachusetts Authorities would seem to thwart the intent of the federal government to grant a decent living allotment to its citizens.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION OF USE OF VOTING MACHINES.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Resolved; That the Boston City Council, the Mayor, and Election Commission conduct a thorough investigation into conditions surrounding the use of voting machines in Boston in the past Primary Election.
Public indignation, not without cause, has arisen in every section of our city where voting machines were in use. A very definite question has formed in the public mind as to the fairness of listing the various candidates names on the machines. The failure of these machines, in many cases, especially in the crowded closing hours on Election Day, has caused severe critical comment.
It would seem evident to any fair-minded person that there is now a serious question as to the advisability of continuing the use of voting machines in Boston.
The privilege of our citizens to vote in a free and uncontrolled manner, without misleading arrangements, is the most sacred privilege of our citizenry. No authority, whether it be vested in the Boston Election Commission, or in the person of the Secretary of State, can be allowed to deprive the people of their privilege; whether by carelessness or incompetence.
A complete investigation is necessary to restore the confidence of our people in free elections.
The people of Boston demand an explanation for the confusion and uncertainty which surrounded the past Primary Election.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun RAMSEY in the chair.

BOOKMOBILE STOP AT FOREST HILLS STREET AND GLEN ROAD.

Coun. P. A. TRACEY, offered the following:
Be it ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange to have the bookmobile make a scheduled stop at the intersection of Forest Hills street and Glen road in Jamaica Plain.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAYING OUT FOOTBALL FIELDS IN PLAYSTEAD IN FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Be it ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out the football fields and erect goal posts in the Playstead area in Franklin Park.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

President HURLEY in the chair.

VISIT TO THE COUNCIL OF BISHOP DENIS E. HURLEY AND REVEREND WILLIAM J. SHANAHAN.

His Excellency, Bishop Denis E. Hurley, O.M.I., D.D., Vicar Apostolic, of Durban, Natal, South Africa and Reverend William J. Shanahan, O.M.I., addressed the Council during their brief visit.

Coun. RAMSEY in the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
1. Report on the appointments by the Mayor (referred September 11) of Robert E. Powers and John G. Freeman to be weighers of coal for the term ending April 30, 1951—that the appointments be confirmed.
2. Report on the appointments by the Mayor (referred September 11) of Caetano Lopes and Bernard M. Mullen as constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951—that the appointments be confirmed.
The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Shanley. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Harvey B. Yates (referred July 31) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of Boston Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be allowed and paid to Harvey B. Yates in reimbursement for amount of execution issued

against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

NAMING SQUARE IN HONOR OF HENRY PAUL MORELLI.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the junction at Wren street, Tennyson street, and Woodard road, in Ward 20, the Henry Paul Morelli Square in honor of Lt. (junior grade) Henry Paul Morelli, USNR, who was killed in an air crash over Greenland, on March 3, 1943, while in the service of his country.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the glass and rubbish which has accumulated on the Father Buckley Playground for the past two months and to keep said playground in good condition.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT 408 EAST BROADWAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the tree in front of 408 East Broadway, Ward 6, because of its dangerous condition and the hazard to pedestrians.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTBALL FIELD CITY POINT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a goal post and place markings on the football field at the Aquarium, City Point, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON EAST SECOND STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to install electric lights on East Second street, between L and M streets, Ward 6, to replace the present gas lamps.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MARINE ROAD AND MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the sand and place the sidewalk on Marine road, opposite Kelly's Landing, Ward 6, in proper condition; also to repair the benches in Marine Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 18.

Coun CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the following streets in Ward 18 as public highways: Austin street, Baldwin street, Crown street, and Littledale street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUEST FOR UNDERGROUND POLES AND WIRES, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to contact the various public utilities and request them to take all the poles and wires down and place them underground in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGNS ON WAYLAND STREET AT MAGNOLIA STREET.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect "Stop" signs on Wayland street at Magnolia street in Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TO MAKE CEYLON STREET ONE WAY IN PART.

Coun. HANNON and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commission to consider the advisability of making Ceylon street, Dorchester, one way between Quincy street and Columbia road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Hannon, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.34 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Ramsey at 5.13 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred June 5) for payment of annuity to Isabel Kiley, widow of John T. Kiley, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,200 be allowed and paid to Isabel Kiley, widow of John T. Kiley, a member of the Fire Department who died on January 21, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

2. Report on petition (referred August 21) for payment of annuity to Marion G. McNamara, widow of John J. McNamara, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,720 be allowed and paid to Marion G. Mc-

Namara, widow of John J. McNamara, a member of the Fire Department who died on July 19, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Marion G. McNamara, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,200 a year; for each of the following named children during such time as he is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 a year—John J. McNamara, born May 25, 1933, Charles F. McNamara, born January 24, 1942—provided, however, that if the widow remarries, the annuity for each of said children shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted, and said orders severally passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations —recommending that the orders, with the exception of the order transferring appropriation of $10,000 to Public Celebrations, ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders, with the exception of the order transferring appropriation of $10,000 to Public Celebrations, were passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler —15.

Nays—0.

Adjourned at 5.16 P.M., on motion of Councilor Farin, to meet on Monday, October 2, 1950, at 2 P.M

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 2, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Fifty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear November 6, 1950:

John F. Avellar, Ward 1; John Buonopane, Ward 1; Philip DeMarino, Ward 1; Louis A. Puopolo, Ward 3; John D. Leach, Ward 4; Donald O. Richardson, Ward 5; Edward J. Duffy, Ward 6; Alphonse J. Razwad, Ward 6; Edward W. Flaherty, Ward 6; Frederick Anderson, Ward 7; Theodore N. Eugley, Ward 7; John Joyce, Ward 7; Albert St. Hilaire, Ward 7; Donald Leo Dalrymple, Ward 8; John F. Desmond, Ward 8; Lawrence W. McNaught, Ward 8; Arthur Mendes, Ward 8; Edward N. Smith, Ward 8; Claude Bailey, Ward 9; John A. Andersen, Ward 10; Alfred James Luna, Jr., Ward 10; Charles P. Mahoney, Ward 10.

Paul Martin, Ward 11; William V. Stanley, Ward 11; Eric G. Makris, Ward 12; Robert Mitchem, Ward 12; Joseph M. Missett, Ward 13; Joseph F. Ritchie, Ward 13; James A. Sweeney, Ward 13; Paul Vengraw, Ward 13; James P. Walsh, Ward 13; Myles J. Wheatley, Ward 13; Irving I. Calk, Ward 14; Israel Goldberg, Ward 14; John J. Maloney, Ward 14; Thomas Doherty, Ward 15; Lemuel A. Hirtle, Ward 16; William J. Harcourt, Ward 17; Clarence A. Lofgren, Ward 17; Francis J. McViney, Ward 17; James J. Costello, Ward 18; John J. Foley, Ward 18; John J. Bogan, Ward 20; James D. Bourke, Jr., Ward 20; Charles J. Franz, Ward 20; Daniel J. McCarthy, Ward 20; Edmund A. Weiss, Ward 20; Hollis S. Harrington, Ward 21; Saul Swartzman, Ward 21; Edward J. Morrissey, Ward 22.

One hundred sixty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear November 6, 1950:

John E. Barrett, Ward 1; William G. Bithell, Ward 1; Ralph Capobianco, Ward 1; Pasquale D'Apolito, Ward 1; George DeMayo, Ward 1; Elmer C. D'Entremont, Ward 1; Joseph DeSimone, Ward 1; Arthur P. Duffy, Ward 1; Adolfo Fernandez, Ward 1; Peter Fratto, Ward 1; George F. Gaglini, Ward 1; James E. Goodwin, Ward 1; Herbert Larsen, Ward 1; William H. Marsh, Ward 1; Louis Russo, Ward 1; Charles D. Wright, Ward 1; John J. Bowden, Ward 2; Richard P. Desmond, Ward 2; John Mahan, Ward 2; Francis J. McGowan, Ward 2; Michael Abruzzio, Ward 3; John W. A'Hearn, Ward 3; Jerome Cara, Ward 3; Joseph M. Curran, Ward 3; James P. Hughes, Ward 3; Charles Imperato, Ward 3; John Lutoff, Ward 3; Nicholas M. Maffeo, Ward 3; Joseph W. Malatesta, Ward 3; Alfred Gunnar Bjareby, Ward 4; Walker M. Caddell, Ward 4; William B. Carr, Ward 4; Edward I. Kaplan, Ward 4; James J. Power, Ward 4; James B. Boynton, Ward 5; Oliva Croteau, Ward 5; Jonathan E. Ingersoll, Ward 5; Robert A. Lucy, Ward 5; Herbert Schwartz, Ward 5; Otto H. Seiss, Ward 5; Cornelius G. Batts, Ward 6; Michael P. Flaherty, Ward 6; Walter Kobialka, Ward 6; Robert E. Lesslie, Ward 6; Charles M. McNally, Ward 6; William D. Oliver, Ward 6; Linwood E. Simpson, Ward 6; James P. Sullivan, Ward 6.

Benjamin F. Aleks, Ward 7; Frederick T. Byrnes, Jr., Ward 7; Harry Carr, Ward 7; Joseph M. Clancy, Ward 7; William S. Cronin, Ward 7; Paul J. Dee, Ward 7; Timothy F. Egan, Ward 7; Frederick T. Foye, Ward 7; Edward E. Hill, Ward 7; Henry W. Landry, Ward 7; Leo Natale, Ward 7; Lawrence J. Varnerin, Ward 7; Gerald C. Chambers, Ward 8; John L. Gale, Ward 8; Charles E. Haynes, Ward 8; John A. Kaltsos, Ward 8; Bernard J. MacDonald, Ward 8; Fred Santosuosso, Ward 8; John C. Whooley, Ward 8; Joseph M. Quigley, Ward 9; George R. Skelly, Ward 9; Richard D. Stefaney, Ward 9; Arthur G. Bradt, Ward 10; John F. Rodgers, Ward 10; Manuel Andelman, Ward 11; George L. Gartland, Ward 11; Ernest H. Gray, Ward 11; James Murphy, Ward 11; Dayton F. Baker, Ward 12; Robert E. Bingham, Ward 12; Edwin Carty, Ward 12; Morris Fisher, Ward 12; Edward Harris, Ward 12; William F. Howell, Ward 12; Harold Nickerson, Ward 12; Sterling F. Savoy, Ward 12; George A. Carter, Ward 13; Richard J. Doherty, Ward 13; Joseph P. Donahue, Ward 13; Harry V. Graham, Ward 13; John A. Greenwood, Ward 13; Thomas J. McAndrew, Ward 13; Francis J. McCabe, Ward 13; John C. Norton, Ward 13; Guy Fornaro, Ward 14; Martin Goverman, Ward 14; Louis Hurvitz, Ward 14; Barnett L. Miller, Ward 14; Benjamin N. Pearl, Ward 14; Thomas H. Perry, Ward 14; Edgar P. Reisz, Ward 14.

Henry J. Halay, Ward 15; Robert J. Haveron, Ward 15; James J. Mahoney, Ward 15; Leo Moran, Ward 15; Thomas Warren, Ward 15; Michael C. Whalen, Ward 15; James C. Hagerty, Ward 16; Henry F. Hutchings, Ward 16; Michael F. Jennings, Ward 16; Laurence Quinn, Ward 16; Frank A. Sullivan, Ward 16; Michael Vara, Ward 16; John C. Wherty, Ward 16; Samuel Cooper, Ward 17; Peter J. Ivens, Ward 17; Oscar W. Vallee, Ward 17; John T. Walsh, Ward 17; Walter Wertheim, Ward 17; Jacob H. Woolf, Ward 17; Frank A. Barone, Ward 18; Irving Canner, Ward 18; Harry Hackel, Ward 18; Walter H. Rowe, Jr., Ward 18; Thomas Walsh, Ward 18; Thomas H. Walsh, Ward 18; John P. Williams, Ward 18; Fred Becker, Ward 19; George K. Edwards, Ward 19; Henry D. Martin, Ward 19; Frederick T. Parker, Ward 19; Edwin F. H. Ryder, Ward 19; Guy E. Venner, Ward 19; Stewart C. Woodworth, Jr., Ward 19.

John S. Bone, Ward 20; Irving W. Boynton, Ward 20; Paul F. Brophy, Ward 20; Frank T. Finn, Ward 20; Frederick J. Inman, Ward 20; Ralph E. LeBlanc, Ward 20; Eric C. Lewis, Ward 20; Michael Mulligan, Ward 20; William B. Ripley, Ward 20; William B. Seminara, Ward 20; Richard R. Sullivan, Ward 20; George W. Waldman, Jr., Ward 20; Charles Bond, Ward 21; Irving Carlson, Ward 21; Joseph Cohen, Ward 21; William J. Hurley, Ward 21; James W. Lepper, Ward 21; William J. Lynch, Ward 21; Herman B. Mayer, Ward 21; John Newpol, Ward 21; Stuart Peppard, Ward 21; Henry A. Ross, Ward 21; Walter E. Smith, Ward 21; Bernard Zelmyer, Ward 21; Armand Doucet, Ward 22; James Kelly, Ward 22; Arthur Krikorian, Ward 22; Emanuel N. Reinhalter, Ward 22; Joseph Ring, Ward 22; Israel Seltser, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

William Tepper, 34 Intervale street, Ward 14, and Peter W. Zamboni, 619 East Second street, Ward 6, as constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951.

Henry T. Smith, 4 Canton road, Quincy, Morrill Wiggin, 3 Perrin road, Brookline, and Henry L. Carpenter, 64 Weyham road, North Weymouth, as weighers of goods for the term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

TELEVISION ANTENNA IN D STREET HOUSING PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the installation of television antenna for the 2,000 families now living in the D Street Project.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
September 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Relative to City Council order of September 11, 1950, requesting the installation of television antenna for the 2,000 families now living in the D Street Project, please be advised that a survey is being made, and, if feasible, bids will be requested for the installation of a master antenna at all projects.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

DAMAGE ON WOLCOTT ROAD BY EXCAVATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the taking of steps to prevent any damage to the newly constructed houses in the Wolcott Road Project in Hyde Park as a result of excavation now going on in the rear of said houses by a private owner.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
September 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Relative to City Council order of September 11, 1950, requesting that steps be taken to prevent any damage to the newly constructed houses in the Wolcott Road Project in Hyde Park as a result of excavation now going on in the rear of said houses by a private owner, I am happy to advise that the excavation has stopped with no damage to the buildings in the project.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the removal of the glass and rubbish which has accumulated on the Father Buckley Playground for the past two months.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 28, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of September 25, 1950, requesting the removal of the glass and rubbish which has accumulated on the Father Buckley Playground for the past two months and to keep said playground in good condition.

This matter has been referred to the deputy commissioner of this department, who will have this debris removed from this playground if same has not already been done.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT 408 EAST BROADWAY.

The following was recieved:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the removal of a tree in front of 408 East Broadway, Ward 6, because of its dangerous condition.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 28, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the tree in front of 408 East Broadway, Ward 6, because of its dangerous condition and the hazard to pedestrians.

The foreman of the Tree Division of this department examined this tree and reported that it is not in a particularly dangerous condition. Due to the fact that all the tree men are now working on the removal of the trees afflicted with the Dutch elm disease, located on city properties, it will not be possible to remove this tree. However, the Tree Division will keep this tree on their list for future inspection and, if it appears at any time to be in a dangerous condition, steps will be taken to have it removed.

Yours very truly,
ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTBALL FIELD, CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the installation of a goal post and place markings on the football field at the Aquarium, City Point, South Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 28, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum of September 27, 1950, with enclosure, City Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a goal post and place markings on the football field at the Aquarium, City Point, South Boston.

This matter has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner of this department. I am sure that the work will be done to the satisfaction of Councilor Wenzler.

Yours very truly,
ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

LAYING OUT AND ACCEPTING WRENTHAM PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of July 24, 1950, concerning laying out and accepting Wrentham park as a public way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
September 26, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following City Council order, dated July 24, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out and accept Wrentham park as a public way."

Wrentham park, Dorchester, a private way 25 feet wide, extends westerly from 1853 Dorchester avenue approximately 205 feet to a dead end at the Dorchester Rapid Transit location. Five dwellings facing directly thereon would derive a substantial benefit from the laying out of this street. Two buildings housing local business establishments fronting on Dorchester avenue and situated on the two corners or Wrentham park would receive a lesser benefit.

Construction would cost approximately $3,000.

No petition is on file in this office.

This street will be included with those to be laid out for construction in 1951.

Very truly yours,
GERALD F. SCALLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND ON UNION STREET, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith an order whereby the City of Boston may convey to Thomas C. Tempesta of 70 Union street, Brighton, approximately ten thousand (10,000) square feet of vacant land on the southwesterly side of Union street.

Thomas C. Tempesta is a paraplegic veteran of World War II, and at the present time resides with his parents at 70 Union street adjacent to the parcel of land proposed to be sold.

The Veterans Administration plans to provide a ramp type of house for Mr. Tempesta, and the purpose of this sale is to permit the house to be built near to the home occupied by his parents, as Mr. Tempesta is in constant need of nursing care.

The Legislature in the current year has authorized the city to sell this particular parcel of land, and I enclose herewith a communication received from Arthur J. O'Keefe, secretary to the Board of Park Commissioners, certifying that the land is no longer required for public purposes.

I therefore recommend the speedy adoption of the accompanying order in order that actual construction of a home for a most deserving veteran of World War II may be commenced.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, September 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 27, 1950, the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives, assembled in General Court, authorized the City of Boston under chapter 686 of the Acts of 1950 to sell and convey to Thomas C. Tempesta, 70 Union street, Brighton, a certain parcel of land on Union street in said Brighton district of the City of Boston. This measure was signed and approved by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on July 27, 1950, and approved by His Excellency the Governor on July 31, 1950.

Thomas C. Tempesta is a permanently disabled, bedridden veteran of World Ward II and lives with his parents in a three-apartment house located adjacent to the Union Street Playground in Brighton. He has made application for the right to purchase part of the land held by the Park Department as a playground, for the purpose of erecting thereon a ramp type of house suitable for a paraplegic veteran.

The Board of Park Commissioners has given serious thought to his request and, accordingly, as the necessary authority has been given by the Legislature, the Board of Park Commissioners in meeting on September 18, 1950, all members being present, namely, Frank R. Kelley, chairman, and Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee, associate commissioners, voted unanimously:

That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of this Board that the land hereinafter described is no longer required for public purposes, to wit, that portion of the Union Street Playground shown on plan entitled "City of Boston, Union Street, Brighton, June 12, 1947, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Union street, 100 feet; southeasterly by land of Loreta and Donato Tempesta and land of Ellen Murphy, 107.99 feet; southwesterly by land of the City of Boston, 86.64 feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston, 107.16 feet; containing 10,000 feet more or less.

It was further voted:

That the secretary be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said land is no longer required for public purpose and that the Board recommends the sale of said land to Thomas C. Tempesta for the sum of $450.

Respectfully yours,
ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE, Secretary,
Board of Park Commissioners.

Whereas, The City of Boston is the owner in fee of approximately ten thousand (10,000) square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Union street, Brighton district of the City of Boston, held by said city for park purposes; and

Whereas, By the provisions of St. 1950, c. 686, the City of Boston was authorized to sell and convey to Thomas C. Tempesta of Boston the aforementioned ten thousand (10,000) square feet of land; and

Whereas, At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held September 18, 1950, it was voted that in the opinion of the Board the said land is no longer required for public purposes and that the City Council of the City of Boston be so notified; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the parcel of land situated on the southwesterly side of Union street, Brighton district, hereinafter described, be sold to Thomas C. Tempesta of Boston for a minimum price of four hundred fifty dollars ($450), and that his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to the said Thomas C. Tempesta an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston whereby the City of Boston may grant to the said Thomas C. Tempesta all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to a certain parcel of land situated on the southwesterly side of Union street, Brighton district of the City of Boston, bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Union street, one hundred (100) feet; southeasterly by land of Loreto and Donato Tempesta and land of Ellen Murphy, one hundred seven and 99-100 (107.99) feet; southwesterly by land of the City of Boston, eighty-six and 64-100 (86.64) feet; northwesterly by land of the City of Boston, one hundred seven and 16-100 (107.16) feet; containing ten thousand (10,000) square feet of land more or less.

The above-described parcel of land, together with the location and the dimensions thereof, is shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Union Street, Brighton, June 12, 1947, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department."

On motion of Councilor Lane, the rules were suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for fourteen days for final action.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Sidney Brown, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 57 Crawford street, Roxbury.

John F. Callaban, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Coleridge street.

George S. Childs, for compensation for damage to property at 562 South street, during reconstruction of Arcbdale road.

David H. Cornish, for compensation for damages caused by city truck.

James P. Craig, to be reimbursed as result of accident whicb occurred while in performance of duty.

Mildred E. Day, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Wareham street and Harrison avenue.

Josephine DeFeo, for compensation for damage to car by street sweeper.

Attilo H. DeMole, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

John T. Doherty, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Charles E. Dolan, to be reimbursed as result of accident wbicb occurred while in performance of duty.

John J. Geagan, to be reimbursed as result of accident wbicb occurred while in performance of duty.

William C. Gilmore, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Walter L. Hobbs, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Edward F. Igoe, to be reimbursed as result of accident wbich occurred wbile in performance of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. McCann, for compensation for damage to property at 20 Lawn street, Roxbury, caused by water from sewer.

William H. McClennan, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

New England Tbeatres Service Corporation, to be paid for removal and repair of broken border unit at Upbams Corner Theatre.

Stuart's Ltd., for compensation for damage to property at 64 Stuart street, caused by defective water pipes.

Stuart Shoe Sbop, for compensation for damage to property at 66 Stuart street, caused by defective water pipes.

Mrs. Wysocki, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 50 Ridgewood street, Dorchester, during installation of meter.

Estate of Sadie Wolf, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 103 Wbeatland avenue, Dorcbester, during replacing of water mains.

Committee on Licenses.

Bond Bowling & Billiards, Inc., Edward H. Margolis, 615 Wasbington street.

Egleston Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 3186 Washington street, Jamaica Plain.

Huntington 55 Alleys, Inc., Edward H. Margolis, 253A Huntington avenue,

Jamaica Bowlaway, Artbur Iorio, 702A Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

King Pin Alley, Amos E. Cowan, 200 Huntington avenue.

Marie Kittrell, 216 Hanover street.

Strand Recreation Room, Amos E. Cowan, 716 East Broadway.

West Roxbury Liederkranz, Lee M. Jekowski, 46 Rockland street, West Roxbury.

APPROVAL OF BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Notice was received from the Boston Housing Authority of approval of tbe expenditure of $21,300 for additional fill at the River street, Mattapan, 372 veterans' housing project.

Placed on file.

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE FOR APPELLATE DIVISION, NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Communication from the Supreme Judicial Court on the assignment of Cbarles F. Gadsby, judge of the Appellate Division for the Northern District for a period of tbree years beginning October 1, 1950, and tbe designation of Charles F. Gadsby as presiding judge of the Nortbern District for a period of one year beginning October 1, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN T. TYNAN.

Notice from tbe Health Department was received of tbe emergency appointment of John T. Tynan as inspector of housing and sanitation, effective October 2, 1950, at a salary of $2,500.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

A communication was received from the State Department of Public Utilities, transmitting copy of order determining the petition of the City Council of Boston for alterations to bridges on Main street and Mystic avenue in the Cbarlestown district.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted tbe following:

1. Report on the appointment by the Mayor (referred September 25) of Louis E. Grace as constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951—tbat tbe appointment be confirmed.

2. Report on the appointment by the Mayor (referred September 25) of Robert P. Santis as weigher of coal for tbe term ending April 30, 1951 — tbat the appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Beades and McColgan. Wbole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and tbe appointments were confirmed.

NAMING SQUARE IN HONOR OF EDWARD A. BLUESTONE.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, tbrough his Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming of the square at tbe easterly corner of Chiswick road and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, in bonor of Tech. Sergt. Edward A. Bluestone, a paratrooper in the United States Air Force, who was killed in action at Normandy Beacb on June 6, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPT AND LAY OUT HACKENSACK ROAD.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, Tbat the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, tbrough his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Hackensack road, to Hackensack Circle, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of tbe rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ANTHONY F. CHICHETTO.

Coun. BRYAN offered tbe following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through bis Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming of the square at the corner of Fletcber and Centre streets, Roslindale, in bonor of Lieut. Anthony F. Chichetto, of tbe United States Army Air Force, wbo was killed during his twenty-second mission over Germany, on April 18, 1944.

Passed under suspension of tbe rules.

"STOP BEFORE ENTERING" SIGNS ON CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop Before Entering" signs on Wrentham, Templeton, and Lonsdale streets and St. Marks road at the intersection of Florida street, Ward 16. These signs are vitally necessary due to the number of serious accidents that have occurred at these intersections.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REGISTRATION FOR VOTERS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to hold registration this present week at both registration points in each ward in order that adequate facilities might be made available to those people desirous of becoming registered voters.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPENING REGISTRATION PRECINCTS FOR INSTRUCTION.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request that the Election Commissioners open up all registration precincts for a one-week period for the purpose of providing information in the method of use of the voting machines to be used in this State Election and that all such instruction periods be provided during the day and the night for an entire week to be designated by the Election Commissioners.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

McLELLAN STREET TO BE ONE WAY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to study the advisability of making McLellan street in Ward 14 a one-way thoroughfare.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECONSTRUCTING VERRILL STREET.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Public Works Commissioner to study the advisability of reconstructing Verrill street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TO CONTINUE CHARLESTOWN UNIT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of Public Welfare for the purpose of rescinding the Overseers vote of September 11, by which vote the Overseers planned to close the Charlestown Unit of the Welfare Department by December 1; and be it further
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to give cognizance to the extreme hardship that would be worked in making it necessary for 700 Old Age Assistance cases, 200 Aid to Dependent Children cases, and 200 General Relief cases to visit, when required, the new quarters at which supervisors and case load workers on these various cases would be stationed, purportedly in East Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. SHANLEY in the chair.

INCREASED SALARIES TO ELEVATOR OPERATORS, BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to increase the salaries of elevator operators at that institution and put them on a par with elevator operators in other city departments.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR AND RESURFACE WARREN STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to immediately repair and resurface the holes and broken surfaces on Warren street from Grove Hall to Dudley street, Ward 12.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON MORELAND STREET.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner or the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint or place "Slow" signs on Moreland street for the safety of pedestrians and children who play in the street, especially near Scovie Park and between Warren and Cleveland streets.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INSTALLING CATCH BASIN AT 283 OLD COLONY AVENUE.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a catch basin in front of 283 Old Colony avenue, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHT AT WENDOVER AND HUMPHREYS STREETS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Wendover and Humphreys streets, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHT AT EAST FIFTH AND G STREETS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of East Fifth and G streets, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PROHIBITION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN VICINITY OF PLAYSTEAD, FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner and Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prohibit motor vehicle traffic in the vicinity of the Playstead in Franklin Park except on days when the schoolboy stadium is in use.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

BEETHOVEN STREET ONE WAY.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to designate Beethoven street, Ward 11, as a one-way street for the preservation of the lives and safety of people living in that vicinity.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WALTER R. BOTOLINSKI.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend naming of the square at the intersection of Arcadia and Beethoven streets, Ward 11, in honor of Walter R. Botolinski, of the 45th Infantry Division, United States Army, who gave his life in the service of his country in Italy, on December 15, 1943.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION AT EGLESTON SQUARE.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the inadequate and unsafe fire station at Egleston square with a station more efficiently located.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS CAUSED BY TESTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMISSION.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to restore cement and granolithic sidewalks where the Finance Commission made tests in their recent investigation, as residents of my district have sustained serious personal injuries because of this condition and have filed claims against the city.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECONSTRUCT JULIETTE STREET.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Juliette street, Ward 15, if possible, this year.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

"SLOW" SIGNS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Slow" signs at the following intersections in Ward 6: K and East Third streets, I and East Second streets, I and East Third streets.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately appoint a temporary assistant superintendent and to make provision in their 1951 budget for two assistant superintendents instead of one, in order to provide adequate supervision at all times, both day and night.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING SQUARE IN HONOR OF WALTER E. NELSON.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to memorialize veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Boylston and Lamartine streets, Jamaica Plain, in honor of Lieut. Walter E. Nelson, Company F, 47th Infantry, who was killed in action in the European theater of war on October 14, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor McCormack, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.06 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Shanley at 4.38 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred September 25) for transfer of appropriation of $10,000 to Public Celebrations—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 13, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, McColgan, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—13.

Nays—0.

RECONVEYANCE OF LAND IN EAST BOSTON TO FORMER OWNERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 2, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

As you know, upon the abolition of the Transit Department of the City of Boston on August 3, 1949, the Metropolitan Transit Authority was empowered and directed by St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (h), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, to complete as agent of the City of Boston the project authorized by St. 1949, c. 191, and consisting of the removal to other sites of dwellings within the location of the East Boston Rapid Transit Extension now under construction. In the course of completing this project, the Metropolitan Transit Authority on December 16, 1949, took by eminent domain as agent of the City of Boston various lands in East Boston, including land at 16 Milton street belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Warrino as Trustees under a Declaration of Trust, land of Mrs. Ernestina Struzziero at 398 Frankfort street, land of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Capone at 437 Frankfort street, land of Mr. and Mrs. John Ricci at 56 Homer street, and land of Mr. James J. Collins at 62 Homer street.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority as agent of the city is accomplishing the house moving project contemplated by St. 1949, c. 191, without using the lands just specifically mentioned. In every instance the owner at the time of taking is most anxious to regain his land and has never accepted the damage awards. Enclosed herewith are copies of plans showing said lands and a communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority notifying your Honorable Body of the Authority's determination that said lands are no longer needed for public purposes. Also transmitted are five orders respectively authorizing the reconveyance of said lands to their former owners. I recommend the early adoption of these orders by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,

J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
September 27, 1950.

To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen:

As authorized and directed by vote of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, a certified copy of which vote is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, I hereby notify you on behalf of the said Authority that it is the opinion of the Authority that the parcels of land in East Boston numbered 16 Milton street, 56 Homer street, 62 Homer street, 398 Frankfort street, and 437 Frankfort street, described in said vote as parcels IV, VIII, and IX on plan 18467 and parcels I and II on plan 18473, respectively, are no longer required for public purposes and that the said Authority recommends the conveyance of parcel IV on said plan 18467 to Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino, his wife, Trustees under a Declaration of Trust dated August 26, 1927, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4927, page 373; parcel VIII on said plan 18467 to John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety; parcel IX on said plan 18467 to James

J. Collins; parcel I on plan 18473 to Ernestina Struzziero; and parcel II on said plan 18473 to Carmine Capone and Frances Capone, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety; these persons being the respective owners of the several parcels at the time of taking, in consideration of the execution in each instance by the respective grantees and in the case of parcel IV on plan 18467 by the Merchants Cooperative Bank, holder of a mortgage on said parcel at the time of taking, of releases under seal of any and all claims for damages arising from the taking by eminent domain of the respective parcels, which the said persons, their successors, heirs, and assigns now have or hereafter may have against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority or either of them.

Very truly yours,

WALTER J. WALDRON,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
September 27, 1950.

I, Emma E. Mullen, recording secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of said Authority acting under the provisions of chapter 544 of the Acts of 1947, as amended, duly called and held on the twentieth day of September, 1950, at which all the members were present, the following vote was adopted unanimously:

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Voted, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of the Metropolitan Transit Authority that the parcels of land hereinafter described, which were taken by eminent domain by vote and order of taking of the Metropolitan Transit Authority as Agent for the City of Boston, dated December 16, 1949, under chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949, as amended, are no longer required for public purposes, to wit:

The land shown as parcel IV on plan 18467, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Harmony, Milton, Moore, Horace, Homer streets, and Barnes avenue.— Taken under chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949 as Amended by chapter 734 of Said Acts and under chapter 79 of the General Laws," which plan was duly recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds on December 16, 1949, Book 6570, page 382, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "F" on the northwesterly line of Milton street, three hundred fifty and no hundredths (350.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Harmony street and the northwesterly line of Milton street; thence running southwesterly on Milton street fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet; thence running northwesterly by land now of the City of Boston, formerly of Marie M. Kelley and Alice L. Pumphret, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "C"; thence running northeasterly on land now of the City of Boston, formerly of Helen L. Lambert, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet to a point; thence running southeasterly by land now or formerly of Domenick and Amerise Warrino, Trustees, to the point of beginning; containing five thousand (5,000) square feet of land more or less.

The land shown as parcel VIII on said plan numbered 18467 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "Q" at the intersection of the northeasterly line of Moore street and the northwesterly line of Homer street; thence running northwesterly by the northeasterly line of Moore street, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point "R"; thence running northeasterly along land now or formerly of Mary A. De Costa et al., seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point "S"; thence running southeasterly along land now or formerly of Margaret E. Shea, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point "T"; thence running southwesterly on Homer street, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing five thousand six hundred twenty-five (5,625) square feet of land more or less.

The land shown as parcel IX on said plan numbered 18467 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "U" on the northwesterly side line of Homer street, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Moore street and the northwesterly line of Homer street; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Margaret E. Shea and others, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "V"; thence running northeasterly along land now or formerly of Margaret A. Rogers and others, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet to point "W"; thence running southeasterly along land now or formerly of Edward J. McLaughlin, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "X"; thence running southwesterly on Homer street, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing five thousand (5,000) square feet of land more or less.

The land shown as parcel I on plan 18473 entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Frankfort, Lubec, Homer, and Bennington streets — Taken under Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949 as Amended by Chapter 734 of Said Acts and under chapter 79 of the General Laws," which plan was duly recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds on December 16, 1949, Book 6570, page 409, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "A" on the northwesterly line of Frankfort street, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Neptune road and the northwesterly line of Frankfort street; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Ernestine Struzziero and others, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "B"; thence running northeasterly along land now or formerly of Leo and Catherine Coriani and others, forty-five and no hundredths (45.00) feet to point "C"; thence running southeasterly by land now or formerly of Ernestine Struzziero, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "D"; thence running southwesterly by the northwesterly line of Frankfort street, forty-five and no hundredths (45.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing forty-five hundred (4,500) square feet of land more or less.

The land shown as parcel II on said plan numbered 18473 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "E" on the southeasterly line of Frankfort street, five hundred fifty and no hundredths (550.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Neptune road and the southeasterly line of Frankfort street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Frankfort street, forty and no hundredths (40.00) feet to point "F"; thence running southeasterly along land now or formerly of Carmine and Frances Capone, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point "G"; thence running southwesterly along land now or formerly of Patrick J. and Fannie M. Gibbons and others, forty and no hundredths (40.00) feet to point "H"; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Vito and Pasquelina Petrello, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point of beginning; containing three thousand (3,000) square feet of land more or less.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council of the City of Boston on behalf of the Metropolitan Transit Authority that it is the opinion of the Authority that the aforesaid parcels of land numbered IV, VIII, and IX and shown on plan 18467, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Harmony, Milton, Horace, Homer Streets, and Barnes Avenue — Taken under Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949 as Amended by Chapter 734 of Said Acts and under Chapter 79 of the General Laws," and the aforesaid parcels of land numbered I and II and shown on plan 18473 entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority Agent, Plan of Land in the East Boston District, Frankfort, Lubec, Homer, and Bennington Streets, Taken under Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949 as Amended by Chapter 734 of Said Acts and under Chapter 79 of the General Laws," which were taken by eminent domain by vote and order of taking of the Metropolitan Transit Authority as agent for the City of Boston, dated December 16, 1949, under chapter 191 of the Acts of 1949, as amended, are no longer required for public purposes and that the Metropolitan Transit Authority recommends the conveyance of parcel IV on plan 18467 to Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino, his wife, Trustees under a Declaration of Trust

dated August 26, 1927, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4927, page 373, parcel VIII on said plan 18467, to John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety; parcel IX on said plan 18467 to James J. Collins; parcel I on plan 18473 to Ernestine Struzziero; and parcel II on said plan 18473 to Carmine Capone and Frances Capone, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety; these persons being the respective owners of the several parcels at the time of taking, in consideration of the execution in each instance by the respective grantees and in the case of parcel IV on plan 18467 by the Merchants Cooperative Bank, holder of a mortgage on said parcel at the time of taking, of releases under seal of any and all claims for damages arising from the taking by eminent domain of the respective parcels, which the said persons, their successors, heirs, and assigns now have or hereafter may have against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority or either of them.

Attest:

EMMA E. MULLEN,
Recording Secretary,
Board of Trustees of the
Metropolitan Transit Authority.

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (b), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, s. 3, is in charge of the hereinafter described land taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, dated December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, from Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino, Trustees under a Declaration of Trust, dated August 26, 1927, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4927, page 373, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino, Trustees under a Declaration of Trust, dated August 26, 1927, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4927, page 373, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of one dollar ($1), and a release by said Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino as Trustees as aforesaid and the Merchants Cooperative Bank of all claims against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for damages arising from the aforesaid taking of said land, all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown as parcel IV on plan by J. A. Berrigan, Designing Engineer, and Arthur V. Lynch, Engineer of Subways, dated December 16, 1949, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Harmony, Milton, Moore, Horace, Homer Streets and Barnes Avenue," and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, to wit, the land bounded and described as follows:

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (h), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, s. 3, is in charge of the hereinafter described land taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, dated December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, from John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and be hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of one dollar ($1), and a release by said John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci of all claims against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for damages arising from the aforesaid taking of said land, all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown as parcel VIII on plan by J. A. Berrigan, Designing Engineer, and Arthur V. Lynch, Engineer of Subways, dated December 16, 1949, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Harmony, Milton, Moore, Horace, Homer Streets and Barnes Avenue," and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, to wit, the land bounded and described as follows:

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (h), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, s. 3, is in charge of the hereinafter described land taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, dated December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, from James J. Collins, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and be hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to James J. Collins, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of one dollar ($1), and a release by said James J. Collins of all claims against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for damages arising from the aforesaid taking of said land, all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown as parcel IX on plan by J. A. Berrigan, Designing Engineer, and Arthur V. Lynch, Engineer of Subways, dated December 16, 1949, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent — Plan of Land in the East Boston District — Harmony, Milton, Moore, Horace, Homer Streets and Barnes Avenue," and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 382, to wit, the land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "U" on the northwesterly side line of Homer street, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Moore street and the northwesterly line of Homer street; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Margaret E. Shea and others, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "V"; thence running northeasterly along land now or formerly of Margaret A. Rogers and others, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet to point "W"; thence running southeasterly along land now or formerly of Edward J. McLaughlin, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "X"; thence running southwesterly on Homer street, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing five thousand (5,000) square feet of land more or less.

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (h), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, s. 3, is in charge of the hereinafter described land taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, dated

December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 409, from Ernestina Struzziero, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to Ernestine Struzziero, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of one dollar ($1), and a release by said Ernestina Struzziero of all claims against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for damages arising from the aforesaid taking of said land, all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown as parcel I on plan by J. A. Berrigan, Designing Engineer, and Arthur V. Lynch, Engineer of Subways, dated December 16, 1949, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent—Plan of Land in the East Boston District—Frankfort, Lubec, Homer, and Bennington Streets," and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 409, to wit, the land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "A" on the northwesterly line of Frankfort street, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Neptune road and the northwesterly line of Frankfort street; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Ernestine Struzziero and others, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "B"; thenee running northeasterly along land now or formerly of Leo and Catherine Coriani and others, forty-five and no hundredths (45.00) feet to point "C"; thenee running southeasterly by land now or formerly of Ernestine Struzziero, one hundred and no hundredths (100.00) feet to point "D"; thence running southwesterly by the northwesterly line of Frankfort street, forty-five and no hundredths (45.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing forty-five hundred (4,500) square feet of land more or less.

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which, as agent of the City of Boston under St. 1947, c. 544, s. 8A, par. (h), as appearing in St. 1949, c. 572, s. 3, is in charge of the hereinafter described land taken by eminent domain under an order of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, dated December 16, 1949, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 409, from Carmine Capone and Frances Capone, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, has notified the City Council that in the opinion of said Authority such land is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey to Carmine Capone and Frances Capone, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by a deed in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, at a minimum price of one dollar ($1), and a release by said Carmine Capone and Frances Capone of all claims against the City of Boston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for damages arising from the aforesaid taking of said land, all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to the land shown as parcel II on plan by J. A. Berrigan, Designing Engineer, and Arthur V. Lynch, Engineer of Subways, dated December 16, 1949, entitled "City of Boston by Metropolitan Transit Authority, Agent—Plan of Land in the East Boston District—Frankfort, Lubec, Homer, and Bennington Streets," and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6570, page 409, to wit, the land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at point "E" on the southeasterly line of Frankfort street, five hundred fifty and no hundredths (550.00) feet distant northeasterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Neptune road and the southeasterly line of Frankfort street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Frankfort street, forty and no hundredths (40.00) feet to point "F"; thence running southeasterly along land now or formerly of Carmine and Frances Capone, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point "G"; thenee running southwesterly along land now or formerly of Patriek J. and Fannie M. Gibbons and others, forty and no hundredths (40.00) feet to point "H"; thence running northwesterly along land now or formerly of Vito and Pasquelina Petrello, seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to point of beginning; containing three thousand (3,000) square feet of land more or less.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

"SCHOOL" AND "SLOW, CHILDREN" SIGNS AT FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOOL.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Sehool" signs at the Florence Nightingale School on Park street, Dorchester, and to paint "Slow, Children" on the roadway at both ends so that motorists will see it on approaehing the school.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF PAPER BALLOTS AT STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take the necessary steps to provide for the use of paper ballots at the State Election on November 7 next, due to the fact that there has been too much confusion in the operation of voting machines. This will have a tendency to make the people come out and vote, as many citizens had their names checked off at the primaries, but walked out without casting their votes because of the difficulty in operating the voting machines.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 4.43 P.M., on motion of Councilor Beades, to meet on Monday, October 9, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 9, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Lanigan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Gaetano D. Finamore, 191 Marion street, Ward 1, as Constable with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for the term ending April 30, 1951, and Anthony Rigillo, 297 Lexington street, East Boston, as Weigher of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

RECONSTRUCTION OF VERRILL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the advisability of reconstructing Verrill street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 5, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works study the advisability of reconstructing Verrill street, Ward 14, and this will advise you that a survey of this street will be made with a view to placing Verrill street on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction in 1951.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF JULIETTE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the reconstruction of Juliette street, Ward 15, if possible, this year.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 5, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct Juliette street, Ward 15, if possible, this year, and this will advise you that a survey of this street will be made but due to the amount of work on hand and the lateness of the season Juliette street will be placed on the list to be given consideration for reconstruction in 1951.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND ON RIVER STREET, MATTAPAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the taking over of land on River street, Mattapan, for playground purposes.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
October 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of City Council order of September 11, 1950, relative to the taking over of land on River street, Mattapan, for playground purposes.

Please be advised that the Authority is presently discussing the matter with the Park Department and will advise you of any decision reached.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS T. KILEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF EGLESTON SQUARE FIRE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the replacing of the inadequate and unsafe fire station at Egleston square with a station more efficiently located.

Respectfully,
J B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, October 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Attention: Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon, Chief Clerk.
Dear Sir:

The commissioner and the department are in accord with the sentiment expressed in the City Council order of October 2, 1950, and we trust that money will be made available in the near future to provide the fire fighters and the people of the Egleston Square section with a new fire station.

Respectfully yours,
M. T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MARINE ROAD SIDEWALK AND MARINE PARK REPAIRS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the removing of sand and placing the sidewalk on Marine road, opposite Kelly's Landing, Ward 6, in proper condition; also to repair the benches in Marine Park.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
20 Somerset Street,
October 5, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying back on your request to remove the sand and place the sidewalk on Marine road, opposite Kelly's Landing, Ward 6, in proper condition; also

to repair the benches in Marine Park, I have had an inspection made by our superintendent in charge of this division, who states that this work must be left until the spring and if funds are available the part of the work that the superintendent feels is necessary will be done.

All these individual projects, as requested in this order, must receive the approval of the Legislature in our form of budget. We are at the present time making up the budget for 1951, effective as of July 1, and part of this work will be considered in this budget.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

OPENING OF STREETCAR WINDOWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of August 21, 1950, concerning the windows being opened in the streetcars.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
September 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 23 with accompanying order of the City Council containing request that the Metropolitan Transit Authority "have windows that can be opened in the streetcars because of the inadequacy of the motor fans to supply sufficient cooling air thereby causing a health menace," the cars referred to are certain P.C.C. cars in which the most modern type of ventilation has been provided which, to obtain maximum efficiency, requires that the windows be kept closed.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

DAMAGE TO HARBOR TELEPHONE CABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a communication and proposed order this day received from William L. Baxter, Corporation Counsel, and I recommend the immediate passage of the order so that the City of Boston may receive payment of its claim for damages against the United States of America in this matter.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, October 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

On January 31, 1949, the City of Boston's submarine telephone cable extending from Moon Island to Long Island in Boston Harbor was damaged by the U. S. S. YSD–34 while engaged in dragging operations for the United States Navy.

This department presented a claim on behalf of the City of Boston to the Navy Department in the amount of $6,134.21. On October 2, 1950, this department was advised that the Secretary of the Navy had approved a settlement of this claim in the full amount of $6,134.21.

At the request of the Navy Department I enclose herewith an order for adoption by the City Council whereby your Honor may be authorized to execute a release of the City of Boston's claim against the parties named in the order.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM L. BAXTER,
Corporation Counsel.

Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston an instrument in writing, satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel, whereby the City of Boston, in consideration of the sum of six thousand one hundred thirty-four and 21–100 dollars ($6,134.21) to it paid by the United States of America, releases and forever discharges the United States of America and the Department of the Navy, its successors and assigns, the U. S. S. YSD–34, her officers and crew, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and all persons interested in the said U. S. S. YSD–34, whether as underwriters or otherwise, from all demands, claims, actions and/or suits of any nature whatsoever, in admiralty, law or equity, which the City of Boston ever had, now has, or may have, for, upon or by reason of any matter or thing whatsoever, for all losses, claims, injuries or damages arising out of, or in any way connected with the damage to the City of Boston's telephone cable extending between Moon Island and Long Island, Boston Harbor, caused by the U. S. S. YSD–34 on January 31, 1949.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PRINTING OF "CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN BOSTON."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 9, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 24 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947. I propose to have printed 125,000 copies of a folder bearing the title "Calendar of Events in Boston, Fall–Winter, 1950–51." This folder will be distributed through hotels, stores, theaters, etc., to the thousands of visitors who will be present in our city attending conventions or spending vacations in the area. It will contain a calendar showing the various sporting, theatrical, and entertainment features scheduled during the period, as well as historical points of interest, sight-seeing trips, and other information to guide visitors in planning their recreational and entertainment program during their stay in our midst. In my opinion, such a publication will not only advertise the facilities available to visitors but will also create a large measure of good will toward our city.

I submit an order authorizing the printing of this pamphlet as a special city document or publication and recommend its immediate consideration and adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print 125,000 copies of a folder entitled "Calendar of Events in Boston, Fall–Winter, 1950–51," the expense of such printing to be charged to City Documents.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Wendelyn Dujsik, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Domenic Sinisgalli, for compensation for damage to car caused by ladder truck of Fire Department.

Elizabeth D. Weir, for compensation for damage to property at 18 Myrtlebank avenue, Dorchester, during sidewalk construction.

William J. Wholey, for compensation for damage to wall caused by work done on sidewalk.

Florence Z. Wolsky, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Executive.

Petition of Elizabeth Ticha, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, William F. Ticha, late member of Fire Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day:

Codman Square Bowlaway, by George H. Kevorkian, 649 Washington street, Dorchester, Ward 17.

Columbia Billiard Company Alleys, by Nicholas J. Poulakis, 558 Columbia road, Dorchester, Ward 13.

Kenmore Recreation, Inc., by Tobias Wolbarst, 82 Lansdowne street, Boston, Ward 5.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Louis E. Grace and Bernard M. Mullen having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council.

COMMUNICATION FROM METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan District Commission of taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of land on Rutherford avenue, Charlestown.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP.

Notice was received from Police Commissioner Sullivan of appointment of Capt. John F. Petitti to serve as Keeper of the Lockup.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures by Boston Housing Authority as follows:

Construction of sidewalk approaches to the driveways and carports at Baker street, Adams street, Victory road, and Bakersfield street projects, in amount of $669.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM S. MULLEN.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of William S. Mullen, 23 Hartford street, Dorchester, to be Trustee of the Statistics Department for term ending April 30, 1955, *vice* Cornelius A. Murphy.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE DRISCOLL.

Notice was received from the Health Department of appointment of George Driscoll, 293 Western avenue, Allston, as Inspector of Housing and Sanitation at $2,500 per year, effective October 4, 1950.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred September 25) for appropriation of $20,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, McColgan, Ramsey, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day (referred September 25):

Boston Daylight Alleys, 107 Cambridge street, Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., 1260 Boylston street, Broadway Recreation, 448 West Broadway, Caledonian Bowling Alleys, 1505 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, Central Park Lanes, 10 Saratoga street, Columbia Recreation, 707A Columbia road, Commonwealth Recreation Bowling Alleys, 1105 Commonwealth avenue, Eagle Bowling Alleys, 2355 Washington street, Hyde Park Bowling Alleys, Inc., 1226 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Square Bowlaway, 403 Centre street, Margaret M. Johns, 1453 Dorchester avenue, Lee S. King, 466 and 468C Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan Bowladrome, 1348 Blue Hill avenue, Maverick Garden Bowladrome, 2 Maverick square, Alvaro Mezzetti, basement, South Station, Atlantic avenue, Morton Recreation, 700 Morton street, North Station Bowling Alleys, 222½ Friend street, Orient Bowlaway, 981 Bennington street, Dominick Rubbicco, 4264 Washington street, Scollay Square Alleys, 48 Scollay square, South Station Bowling Alleys, 669 Atlantic avenue, Talbot Bowladrome, 56 Talbot avenue, Webster Bowling Alleys, 26 Taber street, West Roxbury Bowling Center, 119 Park street—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports on petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day (referred October 2):

Bond Bowling and Billiards, Inc., 615 Washington street, Egleston Bowlaway, 3186 Washington street, Huntington 55 Alleys, Inc., 253A Huntington avenue, Jamaica Bowlaway, 702A Centre street, King Pin Alleys, 200 Huntington avenue, Marie Kittrell, 216 Hanover street, Strand Recreation Room, 716 East Broadway, West Roxbury Liederkranz, 46 Rockland street—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses severally granted under usual conditions.

CALL FOR STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That meetings of the citizens of the City of Boston, qualified to vote for state officers, be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, 1950, for the election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, Representatives in General Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:

QUESTION NO. 1.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 244 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 242 votes in the affirmative and 7 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This proposed amendment of the Constitution provides for the time when the respective terms of office of the governor, lieutenant-governor and councillors shall begin and the time when their respective terms shall end. It also makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of the governor elect before qualification for the office of governor; and it further makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of both the governor elect and the lieutenant-governor elect before qualification for their respective offices.

QUESTION NO. 2.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 4, 1948, received 154 votes in the affirmative and 44 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 160 votes in the affirmative and 93 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides for an increase in the number of signatures of qualified voters required upon an initiative or upon a referendum petition, and it further makes provision for changes in legislative procedures thereon with reference to dates upon, or within which, acts shall be done in the various stages necessary to be taken upon such petitions.

QUESTION NO. 3.

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure provides for minimum payments of seventy-five dollars per month, or eighty-five dollars per month if blind, as assistance to deserving aged persons who have reached the age of sixty-three years or over and are in need of relief and support.

QUESTION NO. 4.

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure provides for the creation of a Massachusetts commission for the purpose of conducting once every month a lottery drawing to raise additional funds by means of tickets sold to the public, within the Commonwealth, the net proceeds to be divided as follows: 50 per cent to the winners as prizes, 35 per cent for assistance to needy aged persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to needy blind persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to dependent children.

QUESTION NO. 5.

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 77 in the affirmative and 139 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 25 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

The proposed measure strikes out the first sentence of section 113B of chapter 175 of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 459 of the acts of 1935, and inserts in place thereof a sentence which provides that the Commissioner of Insurance shall annually, on or before September fifteenth, after due hearing and investigation, fix and establish fair and reasonable classifications of risks and adequate, just, reasonable and non-discriminatory premium charges to be used and charged by insurance companies in connection with the issue or execution of motor vehicle liability policies or bonds, as defined in section 34A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, for the ensuing calendar year or any part thereof, but said classifications and premium charges shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth and shall not be fixed or established according to districts or zones.

QUESTION NO. 6.

A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES	
NO	

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES	
NO	

QUESTION NO. 7.

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	
NO	

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES	
NO	

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

QUESTION NO. 8.

(a) If a voter desires that this city (or town) shall declare by popular referendum that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city (or town) after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, he will vote "YES" on said question. (b) If he desires that federal rent control shall cease to be in effect in this city (or town) at the close of December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, he will vote "NO" on said question. If a majority of the votes cast in any such city or town in answer to said question is in the affirmative, such city or town shall be deemed to have declared by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in such city or town after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of said act. If a majority of the votes cast in any such city or town in answer to said question is not in the affirmative, such city or town shall be deemed not to have declared by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in such city or town after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Shall a declaration be made by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city (or town) after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of said Act?

YES	
NO	

QUESTION NO. 9.

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty, entitled 'An Act providing for a five day work week for police officers of the city of Boston,' be accepted?"	YES	
	NO	

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and closed at eight o'clock P.M.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of said meetings according to law.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 54 AT STATE ELECTION.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the provisions of sections 55, 56 and 57 of chapter 54 of the General Laws be, and hereby are, suspended and made inapplicable as to each of the several questions to be voted upon at the State Election to be held on November 7, 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK INSTALLATION, WARD 7.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks on Brewster street and the entire length of East Seventh street in Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RELOCATION OF STREET SIGN.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to move the street sign on Col. Michael J. McDonough Way near the intersection of Old Colony avenue to the opposite side of Col. Michael J. McDonough Way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FLASHING SIGNALS AT COLUMBIA ROAD FIRE STATION.

Coun. HANNON and McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Traffic Commissioner in conjunction with the Fire Commissioner to erect flashing signals on both sides of Columbia road at Engine 21, B. F. D., to warn the public of the approach of the fire vehicles and thus eliminate the existing siren at Uphams Corner.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CROSSOVER ON COLUMBIA ROAD, OPPOSITE FIRE ENGINE 21.

Coun. HANNON and McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to construct a crossover on Columbia road, opposite Engine 21, B. F. D., which will permit the crossing of the engine to the right-hand side of the street in response to a fire alarm.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF CIRCLE IN HONOR OF BRIG. GEN. HAZARD STEVENS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the circle at Mt. Bowdoin Green, Ward 14, in honor of the late Brig. Gen. Hazard Stevens whose contributions and heroic achievements won for him the highest military honor, namely, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He has left an inspiration of hope to those who fight for the cause of liberty, peace and brotherhood.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF "JOHN F. O'NEIL PLAYGROUND."

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of renaming the Ripley Playground, Ward 14, the "John F. O'Neil Playground," in honor of the memory of Corporal John F. O'Neil who lost his life in the service of our country during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGISLATION FOR HOME RULE STATUS, ETC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston to consider the preparation of legislation calling for home rule status of the City of Boston and for the filing of legislation calling for the cost of the operation of Suffolk County to be divided among the cities and towns within the county; and be it further

Ordered, That the Law Department of the City of Boston keep the members of the Boston City Council advised on legislation to be introduced by the city so that the Council members may have an opportunity to discuss it and record themselves on such legislation.

Referred to Committee on Legislative Matters.

REPAIR OF CERTAIN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS BY FINANCE COMMISSION.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Finance Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to stand the expense of repairing streets and sidewalks which they have opened up in their tests at considerable expense to the taxpayers of Boston, same to be paid for out of the funds allotted them by law.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

DELAY IN REORGANIZATION OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to stop the reorganization of his department, especially the Food and Sanitary Divisions, until after the Ordinance Committee meets this week.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred October 2) of Peter W. Zamboni and William Tepper, to be Constables with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1951 — recommending that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred October 2) of Henry T. Smith, Morrill Wiggin, and Henry L. Carpenter, as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were severally accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Bryan and Coffey. Whole number of ballots 15; yeas 15, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN DEPARTMENT.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of Public Welfare for the purpose of removing the Aid to Dependent Children Division from Hawkins street to City Hall, if possible, as a separate department to be known as the Aid to Dependent Children Department.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of Public Welfare for the purpose of removing the Old Age Assistance Division from Hawkins street and setting it up in City Hall, if possible, as a separate department to be known as the Old Age Assistance Department.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

BLINKER LIGHT ON TYLER STREET.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a blinker light on Tyler street, Ward 3, facing Oak street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MELVILLE AND DORCHESTER AVENUES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Traffic Commissioner to immediately install traffic lights at the intersection of Melville avenue and Dorchester avenue in Ward 16, Dorchester, which is a dangerous and heavily traveled intersection.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

BUS STOP AT MELVILLE AND DORCHESTER AVENUES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Metropolitan Transit Authority to locate a bus stop at the intersection of Melville and Dorchester avenues in Ward 16, Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILOR McCORMACK.

Coun. McCORMACK, rising on a point of personal privilege, stated that he was not the Thomas McCormack who was a member of the Emergency Housing Board.

ENDORSEMENT OF FLAT RATE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council go on record as favoring question number five, pertaining to flat rate automobile insurance, which will appear on the ballot at the November election.

Coun. COOK and HANNON offered the following:
Whereas, The residents of the City of Boston who own automobiles and pay unfair high rates for compulsory automobile insurance under the present system of insurance rates; and
Whereas, In the coming election on November 7, 1950, Referendum No. 5 will, if approved by the voters of the Commonwealth, establish a flat rate for insurance throughout the Commonwealth which will be fair to all the citizens of the Commonwealth; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Boston City Council records itself in favor of approval of this referendum and calls upon the Mayor to form a committee of citizens to carry out such a campaign as will insure passage of Referendum No. 5 relating to flat rate insurance.
The resolutions were severally passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS BY ELECTRICITY IN WARD 11.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the inadequate gas street lamps in Ward 11 with modern and efficient electric lights.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:
Report on message of the Mayor and five orders (referred October 2) authorizing reconveyance to former owners of lands taken by Metropolitan Transit Authority in connection with construction of East Boston Rapid Transit Extension—recommending passage of the several orders.
The report was accepted, and the orders were severally given their first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Lane, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Yerxa—17.
Nays—0.
The orders were assigned for 14 days for final action.

REMOVAL OF SOUTH BOSTON WELFARE OFFICE TO HANCOCK STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconsider their proposal to move the South Boston Welfare office to Hancock street, Dorchester, and allow it to remain in its present location so that recipients will not have to undergo the hardship of spending carfares and making the trip to Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair Broadway Bridge under emergency orders because of the great delay in traffic, and also to make a thorough inspection of this bridge as to its safety.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ASSIGNMENT OF ATTENDANT TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign an attendant to the Health Department ambulance to assist the driver in carrying the stretcher when making his calls in emergency cases requiring hospital treatment.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PARKING METERS IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, not to install any parking meters in the South Boston area.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON H STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth to East First streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

By direction of Chairman Sullivan the Council recessed at 3.12 P.M., for three minutes, for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Sullivan at 3.15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on petition (referred June 12) for payment of annuity to Katherine E. McLaughlin, widow of John L. McLaughlin, late member of Fire Department — recommending passage of following order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Katherine E. McLaughlin, widow of John L. McLaughlin, a member of the Fire Department, who died on April 21, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Hannon, it was voted that when the Council adjourned it would be to meet again on Monday, October 23, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Adjourned at 3.16 P.M., on motion of Councilor Bryan, to meet on Monday, October 23, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 23, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1951: Edmund A. Hancock, 146 Park Avenue Extension, Arlington, Mass.; David J. O'Connor, 25 Johnson street, Lynn, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

SEWER YARD IN CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the possibility of re-establishing the Sewer Yard in Charlestown, Ward 2.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 6, 1950.

Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In reference to City Council order of September 25, 1950, requesting possibility of re-establishing the Sewer Yard in Charlestown, kindly be informed that at present sewer complaints in Charlestown are answered by either the East Boston or the Albany Street yard, and that catch basin cleaning work is done by both yards, also by advertised contract. In the opinion of the Sewer Division this service is satisfactory.

In consideration of the above circumstances I do not believe that it is advisable to re-establish the Sewer Yard in Charlestown, which, when it did exist, consisted of two men directed by the paving foreman.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

WARREN STREET REPAIRS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the immediate repairing and resurfacing of the holes and broken surfaces on Warren street, from Grove Hall to Dudley street, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 9, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 2:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to immediately repair and resurface the holes and broken surfaces on Warren street, from Grove Hall to Dudley street, Ward 12."

I am sorry to report that the passing of the above order was justified, in view of the conditions that did exist on Warren street. I noted them several days before the order was passed and contacted the contractor and requested him to take steps to cold patch all areas opened by him and to adjust manhole covers and other castings in connection with the proposed resurfacing of Warren street.

The patching work has been done and the resurfacing work will proceed immediately. I trust that the entire work provided under the contract will now be completed with as little inconvenience as possible to the residents and motorists of the area affected.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the restoration of cement and granolithic sidewalks where the Finance Commission made tests in their recent investigation as residents of my district have sustained serious personal injuries because of this condition and have filed claims against the city.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 9, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 2:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to restore cement and granolithic sidewalks where the Finance Commission made tests in their recent investigation as residents of my district have sustained serious personal injuries because of this condition and have filed claims against the city."

All openings made in granolithic sidewalks under the direction of the Finance Commission during the current year were immediately patched by department forces, with the exception of openings made in a period of three or four days when the department was unable to obtain bituminous patching material. I believe that the latter-referenced condition occurred while the tests were being made on granolithic sidewalks in the Dorchester area. However, all such openings were patched as soon as the bituminous material became available, and, as stated, all openings made in sidewalk areas and also on roadway areas have been patched by department forces.

I shall, in view of the above-referenced order, issue instructions to our general foreman to make an immediate survey of all areas in which openings were made, in order to make certain that they are in a safe condition at this time.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON BREWSTER AND EAST SEVENTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your

order of October 9, 1950, concerning the installation of granolithic sidewalks on Brewster street and the entire length of East Seventh street in Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 13, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 9:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to install granolithic sidewalks on Brewster street and the entire length of East Seventh street in Ward 7."

We are very pleased to cooperate with our new City Councilor in connection with the above-referenced matter, and I assure you, therefore, that every reasonable effort will be made to install new sidewalks, as soon as possible, on Brewster street, and on the section of East Seventh street located in Ward 7.

Arrangements have been made to advertise for bids to do this work, and I feel reasonably certain that—weather conditions permitting—the new sidewalks will be installed this fall.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON H STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the construction of granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth to East First streets, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 18, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 9:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth to East First streets, Ward 6."

We shall be unable to give favorable consideration to the above-referenced order at this time, because the appropriation for sidewalk construction and reconstruction work for the current year has been entirely expended.

You may be assured, however, that we shall give consideration to including the above-referenced project in next year's sidewalk construction program.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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NAMING OF "JOHN F. O'NEIL PLAYGROUND."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to your order of October 9, 1940, concerning the advisability of renaming the Ripley Playground, Ward 14, the "John F. O'Neil Playground" in honor of the memory of Corporal John F. O'Neil who lost his life in the service of our country during World War II.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 16, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order dated October 9, 1950, requesting consideration of the advisability of renaming the Ripley Playground, Ward 14, the "John F. O'Neil Playground" in honor of the memory of Corporal John F. O'Neil who lost his life in the service of our country during World War II.

The Board of Park Commissioners will be pleased to take this matter under consideration.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

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"SCHOOL" SIGN AT FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the erection of a "School" sign at the Florence Nightingale School.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
October 20, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order dated October 2, 1950, requesting that a "School" sign be erected at the Florence Nightingale School, I wish to report that orders have been issued to accomplish same.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the installation of "Slow" signs at the following intersections in Ward 6: K and East Third streets, I and East Second streets, and I and East Third streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
October 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated October 2, 1950, Requesting the Installation of "Slow" Signs at K and East Third Streets, I and East Second Streets, and I and East Third Streets.
Dear Sir:

Please be advised that orders have been issued for the painting of the signs requested.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON MORELAND STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of

October 2, 1950, concerning the placing of "Slow" signs in Moreland street for the safety of pedestrians and children who play in the street, especially near Scovie Park and between Warren and Cleveland streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 9, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 2, 1950, Requesting "Slow" Signs in Moreland Street for the Safety of Pedestrians and Children Who Play in the Street, Especially Near Scovie Park and Between Warren and Cleveland Streets.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that orders have been issued to paint "Slow" signs in the roadway as requested.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PARKING METERS IN SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the installation of parking meters in the South Boston area.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 9, 1950, Requesting This Commission Not to Install Any Parking Meters in the South Boston Area.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above Council order, I wish to report that prior to the receipt of same a petition had been received from the South Boston Board of Trade urging us to place meters on Broadway.

In view of this conflict of sentiment, we shall reconsider this subject and act in accordance with our findings after conference with all parties concerned.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

FLASHING SIGNALS AT ENGINE 21, COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning flashing signals being erected on both sides of Columbia road, at Engine 21, Boston Fire Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 9, 1950, Requesting That Flashing Signals Be Erected on Both Sides of Columbia Road at Engine 21, Boston Fire Department.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above Council order, we wish to report that this commission has already recommended the installation of signals at this location with an auxiliary-operating unit located in the fire station.

It is expected that in connection with the reconstruction of Columbia road these signals will be installed.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF VOTING MACHINES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the public demonstration of voting machines to be used in the coming State Election.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Election Department, October 9, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your communication of October 4, 1950, with attached City Council order of October 2, 1950, requesting the public demonstration of voting machines to be used in the coming State Election.

Please be advised that it is the intention of this commission to hold demonstration of voting machines in Wards 5 to 22, inclusive. The hours and places for holding the same, together with the dates, to be announced at a later date. Demonstrations will also be held in City Hall, Room 103, for Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4, time to be announced later.

Very truly yours,
Joseph Russo, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF PAPER BALLOTS IN VOTING MACHINE PRECINCTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the necessary steps being taken to provide for the use of paper ballots in voting machine precincts at the coming State Election.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Election Department, October 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your communication of October 4, 1950, with attached City Council order of October 2, 1950, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to provide for the use of paper ballots in voting machine precincts at the coming State Election.

May we point out that there is no provision in the law which would permit us to comply with this request, as the time for notifying the Secretary of State to discontinue their use has expired.

Very truly yours,
Joseph Russo, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REGISTRATION FOR VOTERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the request that registration be held at both regis-

tration points in each ward in order that adequate facilities might be made available to those people desirous of hecoming registered voters.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Election Department, October 9, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your communication of Octoher 4, 1950, with attached City Council order of Octoher 2, 1950, requesting that registration he held at hoth registration points in each ward in order that adequate facilities might he made availahle to those people desirous of hecoming registered voters.

May we point out that the order reached us too late to permit us to carry out the request of the Council, as registration closed hy law on October 6, 1950, for the coming State Election.

Very truly yours,
Joseph Russo, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BUS STOP AT MELVILLE AND DORCHESTER AVENUES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor Octoher 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of Octoher 9, 1950, concerning the location of a hus stop at the intersection of Melville and Dorchester avenues, in Ward 16, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
October 17, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 11, with order of the City Council, requesting the establishment of a hus stop at the intersection of Melville and Dorchester avenues, in Ward 16, Dorchester, there is now a stopping place for inbound huses at Melville avenue and we will arrange for the establishment of a stopping place at that location for outbound huses.

Yours very truly,
Edward Dana, General Manager.

Placed on file.

BOUNDARIES OF HEALTH DISTRICT COVERED BY CURTIS HALL CLINICS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 16, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of Septemher 11, 1950, concerning the redrawing of the boundaries of the health district covered by the clinics in Curtis Hall.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Health Department, October 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of September 13, enclosing City Council order of September 11, requesting the redrawal of the boundaries of the health district covered by the clinics in Curtis Hall so as to include sections of Roxbury which are not conveniently located in the Whittier Street Health Unit district.

At present, a new dental clinic is being established at Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain for the care of children in that area, It is anticipated that this new clinic will have been completed by the Department of Public Buildings approximately on November first. It is then planned to redistrict that section of the city which will insure greater efficiency in caring for the children in that locality. Consideration will be given to transportation facilities along main traffic thoroughfares in the redistricting.

Please be assured that when the facilities of Curtis Hall are enlarged, the hest interests of the residents of the vicinity will he given consideration.

Yours respectfully,
John H. Cauley, M. D.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ATTENDANT ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the assigning an attendant to the Health Department ambulance to assist the driver in carrying the stretcher when making his calls in emergency cases requiring hospital treatment.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Health Department, Octoher 19, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your communication of October 11, attached to order from the City Council pertaining to assignment of an attendant to assist the driver of the Health Department ambulance in carrying the stretcher when making calls in emergency cases requiring hospital treatment.

This department maintains amhulance service for stretcher cases. Whenever such a case is transported by the Health Department ambulance, a female nurse is assigned to the ambulance to accompany the driver, whether from a home to a hospital, or from one hospital to another. Arrangements have been made for the ambulance driver to receive assistance at hospitals where patients are customarily taken or are received. In cases where it has been determined that assistance may not he received routinely, an assistant to the driver is provided and it is planned to continue this practice.

Yours respectfully,
John H. Cauley, M.D.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders. are recommended for adoption by your Honorahle Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests $5,000, Reserve Fund $10,000, to the appropriation for Public Celehrations, $15,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of sections 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $1,000, to the appropriation for Board of Zoning Adjustment, $1,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Gaetano Aliotta, for compensation for injuries caused by fire truck.

Grace Bevilacqua, for compensation for damage to property at 102 Salem street, caused by fire truck.

Isabelle Billa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in East Fifth street.

Pietro Bombardieri, for compensation for damage to property at 126 Melville avenue, caused by leak in street line.

Columbia Laundry, for compensation for damage to property at 1 Dove street, Roxbury, caused by negligent maintenance of water works.

Anthony J. DeLuca, for compensation for damage to cab by street cleaning wagon.

Cleveland W. DeRoche, to be reimbursed for bill incurred on acount of injuries received in fire at Fargo Building.

Emma J. Edgerly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1112 Washington street.

Joseph Fagone, for compensation for damage to property at 60 White street, East Boston, caused by falling tree.

Christopher J. Fay, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 51 St. Alphonsus street, Roxbury, caused by water being shut off.

Geatano F. Garofalo, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Glass Realty Company, for compensation for damage to property at 612 and 614 Shawmut avenue, caused by water being shut off.

Deane N. Harding, for compensation for damage to car by employees of Public Works Department.

Jew Tin Look, for compensation for loss of shoes while patient at City Hospital.

James F. and Helene B. Lusby, for compensation for damage to property at 24 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, caused during sidewalk installation.

George W. McCormack, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 395 K street.

Mary A. McDonald, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in State street.

Ralph D. Morgan, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

David A. Nadel, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Attilio Panciocco, for compensation for damage to property at 66 Garfield avenue, during reconstruction of sidewalks.

Calso Pareschi, for compensation for damage to property at 51 Breed street, East Boston, caused by city employees.

Angie Ridzo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 175 Marion street, East Boston.

Rachel Sachs, for compensation for damage to property at 258 Marion street, East Boston, caused by break in water main.

Ruth Skogstrom, for compensation for damage to property at 223 and 225 West street, Hyde Park, caused during construction work.

Arlene T. Stockbridge, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Morton street, Dorchester.

Claire Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in municipal building, South Boston.

Harold Norton, to be reimbursed for property lost during performance of duty as police officer.

Executive.

Petition of Mary G. Kelly to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Thomas H. Kelly, late member of the Fire Department.

Petition of Mary C. Sullivan to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Francis E. Sullivan, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Mary A. Kelley to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, William A. Kelley, late member of Fire Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day:

Glenville Bowling Alleys, by Richard A. Young, 2 Glenville terrace, Ward 21.

Hibernian Bowling Alleys, by Mortimer J. Cronin, 184 Dudley street, Ward 8.

Intercolonial Bowling Alleys, by Arthur F. Stuart, 214 Dudley street, Ward 8.

Irish Centre Club, by Peter Graham, 194 Heath street, Ward 10.

Lucky Strike Alleys, by Joseph Bonigli, 289 Adams street, Ward 16.

Miah J. Murray, Inc., by John F. Ierardi, 1156 Washington street, Ward 3.

Victor N. Mochi, 15 Hanover street, Ward 3.

Mount Pleasant Bowling and Billiards, by John F. McLaughlin, 590 Dudley street, Ward 8.

Park Square Bowladrome, Inc., by Joseph Bonigli, 162 Columbus avenue, Ward 5.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition of Tributary Theatre of Boston for certain children under 15 years of age to appear at New England Mutual Hall, October 28, November 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of William Tepper, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES BY STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of $196,013 by Boston Housing Authority for operating expense and reserves for single and two-family houses, and $136,558 for multiple units, in accordance with approved annual operating budget for year ending December 31, 1950, for chapter 372 projects.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held November 1 at 10 A.M. on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles over Batterymarch street, between Water and Milk streets; Milk street, between Batterymarch and Oliver streets; Oliver street, between Milk street and Atlantic avenue; Franklin street, between Congress and Oliver streets.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 9) of Gaetano D. Finamore, as Constable, with authority to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 9) of Anthony Rigillo as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were severally accepted and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors McColgan and Lane. Whole number of ballots 12: yeas 12, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY HOUSES ON CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the erection of one- and two-family houses on Riverview street, Vogel street, Salman street, Upland road, New Haven street, and Crosstown street, Ward 20, as the sewerage is in most of these streets and there are many lots of land now in the custody of the Real Estate Division of the city.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXTENSION OF KEYSTONE STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the extension of Keystone street, over Upland road and Salman street to Stimson street, Ward 20.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF STIMSON STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the extension of Stimson street, from Centre street to New Haven street, Ward 20.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK.

Coun. BRYAN, HANNON, and COFFEY offered the following:
Ordered, That section 33B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 653 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Further Regulating the Hours of Employment of City and Town Employees" be, and hereby is, accepted.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

PAYMENT OF SUM OF MONEY TO LUCIUS BANKS.

Coun. LANE offered the following:
Ordered, That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of chapter 627 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Pay a Certain Sum of Money to Lucius Banks, a Former Member of Its Police Department," there be appropriated and paid to said Lucius Banks the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars from the Special Appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims, and Reimbursements.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF LAND TO THOMAS C. TEMPESTA.

Coun LANE called up No. 1 on the Calendar, viz:
1. Order for sale of land on Union street, Brighton, to Thomas C. Tempesta, for a minimum price of $450.
On October 2, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays none.
The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—19.
Nays—0.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF ANTHONY J. COCUZZO.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the War Memorial Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the corner of Shannon and Washington streets, Brighton, in honor of Corporal Anthony L. Cocuzzo, United States Army, who was killed in the Pacific War Area December 17, 1944.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ADDITION TO JAMES J. CHITTICK SCHOOL.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the erection of an addition to the James J. Chittick School in Mattapan which in recent weeks had to transfer more than thirty pupils to another school because of overcrowded conditions.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PERMITS FOR STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLINE.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to revoke all permits for the storage and sale of gasoline which are more than one year old and which have been issued for locations where no gas station has been erected; and be it further
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners make it a rule in the future, before any such permit is issued, to inform the applicant that the station must be built within one year from date of issuance or the permit will automatically expire.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGISLATION OPPOSING REDUCTION IN OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

Coun. FARRIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the incoming Legislature which will prevent a reduction in old age assistance, or any other form of welfare relief, because of any increase in social security payments by the government.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGISLATION RE TAXATION OF CERTAIN WIDOWS' PROPERTY.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the incoming Legislature which will give widows, who are left property on which the taxes have been paid for thirty years or more, free taxes on said property provided same is occupied by them as their home.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGISLATION GRANTING OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TO NONCITIZENS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the incoming Legislature which will eliminate the necessity for a person to be a citizen in order to be eligible for Old Age Assistance in the City of Boston.
Referred to Committee on Public Welfare.

STREET SWEEPING MACHINE FOR DORCHESTER SECTION.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put on a new street sweeping machine in the Dorchester section, or, if this is not possible, to have the present sweeper operated on three shifts.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF GARBAGE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to refrain from opening bids as advertised for the purchase of garbage and/or awarding such contracts since the awarding of said contracts would lead to a definite health menace and public nuisance in the Dorchester district; furthermore,

such contracts should not be awarded until a statement of the feasibility is first obtained from the Health Commissioner.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CONFERENCE RE PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF GARBAGE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, It is requested that the Public Works Commissioner, the Health Commissioner and the Corporation Counsel appear before the Boston City Council Executive Committee to discuss the proposed contract for the purchase of garbage, said contract, if awarded, is not to the best interest of the people of the Dorchester district and is a definite health menace and public nuisance.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF MANOR STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Manor street in Ward 16 as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMENDATION OF REAL ESTATE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND AUCTIONEER McGRATH.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council in meeting assembled praise the efficiency of the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners and John J. McGrath, City Auctioneer, in the disposal of city-acquired property, sold at public auction.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PLEASANT STREET AND SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signals at the intersection of Pleasant street and Savin Hill avenue, Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT HAROLD AND SEAVER STREETS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signal lights at the corner of Harold and Seaver streets, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALK AT 79 DALE STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the sidewalk in front of 79 Dale street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LOUISE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct the roadway and sidewalks along Louise park, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONSTRUCTION OF UNION TERRACE JAMAICA PLAIN.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and construct Union terrace, Jamaica Plain, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY LAW.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the members of the Boston Retirement Board to study the recent changes made in the Social Security Law for the purpose of including in the coverage of that law those employees of the City of Boston who, because they were over the age limit set by the Boston Retirement system at the time of their employment, cannot join the retirement system, and are therefore left without any retirement benefits.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF WELLINGTON HALL.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the War Memorial Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the corner of Fenwood road and Huntington avenue, Roxbury, in honor of Wellington Hall, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action in World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of John J. Lownie (referred September 25) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as employee of Weights and Measures Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents ($35.58) be allowed and paid to John J. Lownie in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Weights and Measures Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of William Long (referred September 25) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as employee of Sanitary Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) be allowed and paid to William Long in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of William H. McClennan (referred October 2), to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) be allowed and paid to William H. McClennan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

SIDEWALKS ON WASHBURN AND WOODWARD STREETS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor

to install new sidewalks on both sides of Washburn and Woodward streets, Ward 7, or to place the present sidewalks in proper repair.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EAST FOURTH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reset the curbstones and level the sidewalks in the vicinity of No. 898 East Fourth street, to the corner of P street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECONVEYANCE OF FIVE PARCELS OF LAND IN EAST BOSTON.

Coun. COFFEY, called up Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for reconveyance of land on Milton street, East Boston, to Domenick Warrino and Amerise Warrino, trustees, at a minimum price of $1, etc.

On October 9, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

3. Order for reconveyance of land on Moore street, East Boston, to John Ricci and Mary Pia Ricci, at a minimum price of $1, etc.

One October 9, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, anys 0.

4. Order for reconveyance of land on Homer street, East Boston, to James J. Collins, at a minimum price of $1, etc.

On October 9, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

5. Ordered for reconveyance of land on Frankfort street, East Boston, to Ernestina Struzziero, at a minimum price of $1, etc.

On October 9, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

6. Order for reconveyance of land on Frankfort street, East Boston, to Carmine Capone and Frances Capone, at a minimum price of $1, etc.

On October 9, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The question came on giving the orders their second reading and passage. The orders were given their second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—19

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (referred October 9) to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day:

Codman Square Bowlaway, by George H. Kevorkian, 649 Washington street, Ward 17; Columbia Billiard Company Alleys, by Nicholas J. Poulakis, 558 Columbia road, Ward 13; Kenmore Recreation, Inc., by Tobias Wolbarst, 82 Lansdowne street, Ward 5—recommending that licenses be granted.

Report on petitions (referred today) to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day:

Glenville Bowling Alleys, by Richard A. Young, 2 Glenville terrace, Ward 21; Hibernia Bowling Alleys, by Mortimer J. Cronin, 184 Dudley street, Ward 8; Intercolonial Bowling Alleys, by Arthur F. Stuart, 214 Dudley street, Ward 8; Irish Centre Club, by Peter Graham, 194 Heath street, Ward 10; Lucky Strike Alleys, by Joseph Bonigli, 289 Adams street, Ward 16; Miah J. Murray, Inc., by John F. Icrardi, 1156 Washington street, Ward 3; Victor N. Mochi, 15 Hanover street, Ward 3; Mount Pleasant Bowling and Billiards, by John F. McLaughlin, 590 Dudley street, Ward 8; Park Square Bowladrome, Inc., by Joseph Bonigli, 162 Columbus avenue, Ward 5—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports accepted; said licenses granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM FOR FLAT RATE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the passage of the referendum which provides for a flat rate insurance on automobiles throughout the Commonwealth.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

FIVE-CENT CARFARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority regarding the possibility of extending to children of school age a five-cent fare privilege during the Christmas vacation period in order that mothers may bring their children into downtown Boston without added expense.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF PROPERTY ON LOTHROP STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Superintendent of Construction, Department of School Buildings, to clean up and macadam the surface of the school-owned property adjacent to the James J. Storrow School, Ward 22, said property located at Lothrop street, because of the unsightly and unhealthy condition existing there at the present time.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASED PAY FOR CERTAIN COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Suffolk County Courthouse Commission with a view to increasing to the maximum rate the pay of seven employees of the Maintenance Department, instead of their having to wait the usual two years to reach this maximum. Their present base pay is $43.42 a week and, with deductions for pension, withholding tax, Blue Cross, etc., they have approximately $35 left as take home pay.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMENDATION OF CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS.

Coun. RAMSEY snd BEADES offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, highly commends the publishers of the Hyde Park *Tribune* and other affiliated newspapers for the strong stand which they have taken in favor of a flat rate insurance on automobiles throughout the Commonwealth.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council voted at 3.17 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members eassembled and were called to order by Chairman Wenzler at 5.05 P.M.

GOLDEN JUBILEE EXPENDITURE.

Coun. ANSEL and FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to collect the sum of $2,511 from the Boston Chamber of Commerce, which was spent in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the city.

On motion of Councilor Chase the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Bernadette O. Carroll (referred September 25) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Patrick F. Carroll, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of the following order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Bernadette O. Carroll, widow of Patrick F. Carroll, a member of the Fire Department who died on September 5, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred October 9) whereby the city in consideration of payment of $6,134.21 releases United States Department of the Navy, etc., from claim for damages to telephone cable to Long Island—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations between departments—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the orders. The orders were passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

4. Report on order (referred today) for payment of $7,500 to Lucius Banks—recommending that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 15, nays, 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

Adjourned at 5.15 P.M., on motion of Councilor Sullivan to meet on Monday, October 30, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 30, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1951: Harriet C. Santoro, 859 Saratoga street, East Boston.

Weigher of Beef, for term ending April 30, 1951: Kenneth Lewis, 402 Putnam avenue, Cambridge.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 23, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the appointment of a temporary assistant superintendent.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, October 18, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 13 the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately appoint a temporary assistant superintendent and to make provision in their 1951 budget for two assistant superintendents instead of one in order to provide adequate supervision at all times, both day and night."

I will recommend this request for incorporation in the 1951 budget.

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

SALARIES OF CITY HOSPITAL ELEVATOR OPERATORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the increase of the salaries of elevator operators at the Boston City Hospital and putting them on a par with elevator operators in other city departments.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, October 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Friday, October 20, the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital increase the salaries of elevator operators at the Boston City Hospital and put them on a par with elevator operators in other city departments."

The Trustees voted to refer this to the next budget for consideration.

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.

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UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD WIRES, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning contacting the various public utilities and requesting them to take all the poles and wires down and place them underground in Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, October 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am returning herewith City Council order which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to contact the various public utilities and request them to take all the poles and wires down and place them underground in Ward 17.

In City Council September 25, 1950. Passed.
Attest:
W. J. MALLOY,
City Clerk."

It appears that the placing of all overhead wires underground in Ward 17 would not be feasible either from a legal or practical standpoint for the following reasons:

Chapter 100 of the Acts of 1946 requires that not more than four (4) miles of streets shall be prescribed and public notice given in any one year from which poles shall be removed and the wires buried underground.

The four (4) miles of streets have been selected and approved for the 1951 underground district. The City Clerk has been notified of them and is in the process of sending notices to the abutters of the time and place of a public hearing which must be completed before the end of this year so that public notice may be given in the month of January in accordance with said chapter 100 of the Acts of 1946.

As a practical matter, streets are selected in the various wards of the city in accordance with their importance, eliminating hazards in fighting fires (the raising of ladders, etc.), the number of poles and wires on the streets, the fact that they are main thoroughfares in contrast with side streets, beautification in relation to their importance as well-traveled streets, etc.

The various public utilities companies are in the process of completing the 1950 underground district of four (4) miles. They have been plagued with shortages of materials, etc. I do not think they could or would do more than what is legally required at this time.

Respectfully yours,
MICHAEL T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

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EXERCISING OF GASOLINE PERMITS WITHIN ONE YEAR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning revoking all permits for the storage and

sale of gasoline which are more than one year old and which have been issued for locations where no gas station has been erected; and further to inform the applicant that the station must be built within one year from the date of issuance or the permit will automatically expire.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
October 26, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir.:

I acknowledge for the Board of Street Commissioners receipt of your communication of October 25, enclosing copy of order introduced by Councilor Cantwell concerning permits for the storage and sale of gasoline being exercised within one year from the date of issuance.

This Board is obliged to act under chapter 148, sections 13 and 14, of the General Laws and until such time as these specific sections have been amended, this Board has no power to request licensees to build lubritoriums within one year from the date of issuance. So long as a licensee renews his permit each year with the Fire Department, he has the right, under the present law, to defer construction until such time as he might see fit.

It is suggested that the matter be referred to the City Law Department for further study and that this department, in turn, draw up the necessary legislation to give the Board of Street Commissioners power to act in the matter.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary

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CLOSING OF CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC WELFARE UNIT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the closing of the Charlestown Unit of the Overseers of the Public Welfare.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
October 25, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council, which was passed October 2, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of Public Welfare for the purpose of rescinding the Overseers vote of September 11, by which vote the Overseers planned to close the Charlestown Unit of the Welfare Department by December 1; and be it further

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to give cognizance to the extreme hardship that would be worked in making it necessary for 700 Old Age Assistance cases, 200 Aid to Dependent Children cases, and 200 General Relief cases, to visit, when required, the new quarters at which supervisors and case load workers on these various cases would be stationed, purportedly in East Boston."

With regard to said order, the Overseers wish to advise you that it is their intention to retain offices in the Charlestown Health Unit where recipients of assistance may go to consult with their social workers.

Very truly yours,
Henry E. Foley, Chairman.

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REMOVAL OF SOUTH BOSTON WELFARE OFFICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the proposal to move the South Boston Welfare office to Hancock street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
October 25, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council, which was passed October 9, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconsider their proposal to move the South Boston Welfare office to Hancock street, Dorchester, and allow it to remain in its present location so that recipients will not have to undergo the hardship of spending carfares and making the trip to Dorchester."

With regard to said order, the Overseers wish to advise you that it is their intention to retain offices in the South Boston Health Unit where recipients of assistance may go to consult with their social workers. Incidently, this will be to the advantage of persons in South Boston who are now recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, since at the present time if they wish to consult with their social workers it is necessary for them to go to our Dorchester office at 170 Hancock street, Dorchester. When the change is made, they will be able to consult with their social workers at the South Boston office.

Very truly yours,
Henry E. Foley, Chairman.

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BOOKMOBILE STOP AT FOREST HILLS STREET AND GLEN ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Director of the Boston Public Library relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the Bookmobile making a scheduled stop at the intersection of Forest Hills street and Glen road, Jamaica Plain.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Library Department, October 23, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Recently you transmitted to us an order passed by the City Council requesting the Trustees of the Public Library to arrange to have the Library Bookmobile make a stop at the intersection of Forest Hills street and Glen road in Jamaica Plain. This matter was brought to the attention of the Trustees of the Library at their last meeting.

The Trustees of the Library requested me to state their pleasure that the services rendered by the Library Bookmobile are so successful that there is demand for it to be made available at other locations in addition to those at present upon its schedule. At the same time they regret that with the single Bookmobile which is at present available it does not appear to be possible to add an additional stop as requested. Its schedule is already filled to such a point as to make it not feasible to add additional stops, particularly when to do so will mean shortening the already too brief stops which are at present being made in existing locations. As to the particular location which

was suggested in the order passed by the City Council it is to be pointed out that there are already on the schedule of the Bookmobile four stops every Wednesday in the section of Roxbury in question, namely, at Washington and School streets, from 12.15 to 1.15 P.M., at the Ellis Mendell School (on School street near Amory street), from 1.20 to 1.55 P.M., back at Washington and School streets, from 2.00 to 5.00 P.M., and on Columbus avenue, at Weld avenue, from 6.00 to 8.30 P.M. Both the locations of Washington street, at School street, and Columbus avenue, at Weld avenue, are only approximately one half mile from the additional location requested in the order of the City Council.

It is clear to the Trustees of the Library from the experience gained in these first eight months of use of the one Bookmobile presently available that a single Bookmobile is not sufficient to meet the needs for Bookmobile service throughout the City of Boston. A second Bookmobile is clearly needed to meet the increasing demands for the type of library service which the Bookmobile is so well fitted to render in so many parts of the city which are presently without library service. It is earnestly hoped that budgetary provision may be made for an additional Bookmobile in the period directly ahead, in which event it will be possible to consider Bookmobile stops in addition to those which are being made at present.

Respectfully,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

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PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AT MARKET AND NORTH BEACON STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the placing of a special pedestrian push-button traffic signal controller at the intersection of Market and North Beacon streets.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With further reference to Council order dated September 11, 1950, please be advised that a special pedestrian push-button traffic signal controller has been ordered for the intersection of Market and North Beacon streets.

Furthermore, for the convenience and safety of pedestrians, two additional traffic signal posts will be installed together with push-buttons on all signal posts as soon as the necessary equipment is delivered.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BEETHOVEN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning Beethoven street, Ward 11, being made one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order dated October 2, 1950, requesting that Beethoven street, Ward 11, be made one way, please be advised that at a meeting of this commission held on October 19, 1950, it was voted to make Beethoven street one way, from Washington street to Arcadia street.

This rule will become effective beginning November 6, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

McLELLAN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the making of McLellan street, Ward 14, a one-way thoroughfare.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to City Council order dated October 2, 1950, requesting that McLellan street, Ward 14, be made a one-way thoroughfare, please be advised that at a meeting of this commission held on October 19, 1950, it was voted to make McLellan street one way, from Blue Hill avenue to Bradshaw street.

This rule will become effective beginning November 6, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT DORCHESTER AND MELVILLE AVENUES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at Dorchester and Melville avenues.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 24, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In further response to Council order of October 9, 1950, requesting the installation of traffic lights at Dorchester and Melville avenues, it is the opinion of our engineers that this intersection should be added to our list of locations to be signalized.

Accordingly, this installation will be made during 1951 in accordance with money provided to us for traffic signals.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BLINKER LIGHT AT TYLER STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the placing of a blinker light at Tyler street, facing Oak street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
October 23, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to Council order of October 9, requesting a blinker light at Tyler street, facing Oak street, we wish to report that Tyler street is a one-way street and that at the intersection of Tyler and Oak streets we have erected "Slow" signs, warning traffic approaching this intersection to slow down.

We believe that this warning will be helpful. We do not have sufficient money available at the present time to provide a blinker light at this location.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

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MOVING OF STREET SIGN ON COLONEL MICHAEL J. McDONOUGH WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the moving of the street sign on Colonel Michael J. McDonough Way near the intersection of Old Colony avenue.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Commissioner move the street sign on Colonel Michael J. McDonough Way near the intersection of Old Colony avenue to the opposite side of Colonel Michael J. McDonough Way, and I am pleased to advise you the relocation of post and sign has been taken care of by the District No. 10 Paving Service forces.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT HAROLD AND SEAVER STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Harold and Seaver streets, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 23, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Traffic Lights at the Corner of Harold and Seaver Streets, Ward 12.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the above request, our present appropriation has been allotted and we will await another appropriation which will, no doubt, be provided sometime next year and at that time we will consider this location for the installation of traffic signals.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PLEASANT STREET AND SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Pleasant street and Savin Hill avenue, Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
October 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 23, 1950, Requesting Traffic Signals at the Intersection of Pleasant Street and Savin Hill Avenue, Ward 13.

Dear Sir:

In response to the above Council order, I wish to report that at a meeting of this commission held today it was voted to place this location on a list of proposed signal installations to be installed during 1951.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

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CROSSOVER ON COLUMBIA ROAD, OPPOSITE ENGINE 21 FIRE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the construction of a crossover on Columbia road, opposite Engine 21, Boston Fire Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 23, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 9:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to construct a crossover on Columbia road, opposite Engine 21, Boston Fire Department, which will permit the crossing of the engine to the right hand side of the street in response to a fire alarm."

The necessary arrangements have been made to comply with the provisions of the above-referenced order, and I am sure that the driveway that is to be installed will prove satisfactory to the operators of the fire apparatus who will have occasion to cross from one side of Columbia road to the other when responding to an alarm.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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REPAIR OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 9, 1950, concerning the repairing of Broadway Bridge under emergency orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 23, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Sbannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to tbe following order tbat was passed in the City Council under date of October 9:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair Broadway Bridge under emergency orders because of the great delay in traffic, and also to make a thorough inspection of this bridge as to its safety."

We appreciate tbe importance of Broadway Bridge and every reasonable effort is being made to expedite the completion of tbe repair work. Our employees are working overtime on this project and I anticipate that tbe work will be completed within the next four or five weeks.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RESTRICTIONS ON APPROPRIATION ORDER OF $159,000.

Tbe following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 30, 1950.

To tbe City Council.

Gentlemen:

The City Treasurer is about to issue a loan for the construction of a viaduct to Long Island under the loan order of $2,000,000 approved by the Mayor on August 16, 1949. The required preliminary for tbis loan was an appropriation order of $159,000, passed by the City Council on July 25, 1949, and approved by the Mayor on July 26, 1949, titled "Construction of Long Island Viaduct," under the provisions of cbapter 480 of tbe Acts of 1949. Counsel for the bond purcbasers has raised the point that chapter 480 of the Acts of 1949 permitted the purchase of land and tbat a provision of the City Charter reads that appropriations for the purchase of land require two readings and a two tbirds vote of the City Council.

As the main purpose of the item was for tbe construction of the Long Island Viaduct and no acquisition of land was intended, it was not considered necessary to follow the charter provision.

In order, bowever, to effectually dispose of tbis question, I respectfully urge the immediate passage of tbe accompanying order whicb in effect provides that no part of tbe $159,000 appropriation sball be used for the acquisition of land.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That tbe appropriation order of $159,000, for the Construction of Long Island Viaduct, under chapter 480 of the Acts of 1949, passed by tbe City Council on July 25, 1949, and approved by tbe Mayor July 26, 1949, shall be used solely for construction purposes and no part of said appropriation sball autborize or be construed to authorize the purchase or taking of land.

On motion of Councilor Hannon the rules were suspended. On further motion of Councilor Hannon tbe order was passed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committecs named, viz.:

Claims.

Joseph T. Cavanagh, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Michael J. Connolly, to be reimbursed as result of accident wbich occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Patrick Gallagber, to be rcimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sewer Division.

Bessie Glover, for compcnsation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 44 Winter street.

Morris Goldstein, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him on account of bis acts as employee of Paving Division.

Peter Kastanos, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 40 Anderson street.

Walter Klaman, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Grove street, caused by overflow of water.

Lodgen's Market, for compensation for damage to property at 19 Corintb street, caused by overflow of sewage.

Mary Moran, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Washington and Vernon streets.

Luke Nicbolson, for compensation for damage to property at 44 Boylston street, caused by water being shut off.

Marian O'Donnell, administrator of estate of Mahilia O'Donnell, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 58 South Huntington avenue, caused by water being shut off.

Michael J. Picco, to be reimbursed as result of accident wbich occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Sarah Pitcber, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 94 Hutchings street.

Guy Silvio, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of German Workingmen's Association by Ernst Seemuller, 22 Amory avenue, Ward 11, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Gaetano D. Finamore, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS G. MAGLIO.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Louis G. Maglio, 1127 Saratoga street, East Boston, to be member of Board of Recreation for term ending January 3, 1952, *vice* John R. McVey, resigned.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on November 16 at 10 A.M. on petition of New England Transportation Company for cbange in rates and charges.

Placed on file.

OPPOSITION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES TO FLAT RATE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, Tbat the Attorney General of the Commonwealth be requested, througb his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and ascertain tbe reasons wby insurance companies tbrougbout tbe state are so strongly opposed to referendum No. 5, namely, a flat rate automobile insurance; also to investigate tbe proposed intent of the insurance companies to close tbeir places of business on Tuesday, November 7, and order their employecs to work at the polls in opposition to the flat rate nsurancc referendum.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF BEAVER STREET, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Beaver street, from Cleveland street to Reservation road, Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF GORDON AVENUE, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor,

to resurface Gordon avenue, from River street to beyond Horton street, Ward 18.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF SUMNER CALISH.

Coun. SHANLEY and LANE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue in Ward 21 in honor of Lieutenant Sumner Calish of the 406th Fighter Bomb 371 Air Force who lost his life on August 24, 1944, in France, while in the service of his country during World War II.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

FLOODLIGHTS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioner to immediately study the advisability of installing floodlights in Franklin Field, Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

HALTING OF RENT INCREASES UNTIL STATE ELECTION.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Resolved, That in meeting assembled the Boston City Council requests the Rent Area Director to halt rent increases until State Rent Control legislation now on the state ballot is acted upon by the citizens of Boston.
The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF WINDERMERE ROAD AND PEVERELL STREET.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Commissioner of Public Works to resurface Windermere road and Peverell street in the Ward 13 section of Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTHVIEW STREET.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out and construct as a public way Southview street in the Ward 13 section of Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN WIGGLESWORTH AND WORTHINGTON STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Street Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept, lay out and construct the alleyway that extends from Wigglesworth to Worthington streets parallel with Tremont street as a public way.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALKS ON STORY AND EAST FIFTH STREETS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks on both sides of Story street and also on East Fifth street, between G and H streets, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

"SLOW" SIGNS ON EAST SECOND AND EAST THIRD STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Slow" signs on East Second street and East Third street, at the junction of L street, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF LAND ON EDEN STREET, CHARLESTOWN, FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to cause a sum sufficient to the development of the land on Eden street, Charlestown, formerly occupied by the Winchester Home for the Aged and which is now in the Department of Foreclosed Real Estate, in the budget of the Park Department for 1951 for the purpose of constructing said area as a unit of the Boston Park Department system when and if transfer of this property from the Board of Foreclosed Real Estate to the Park Commission is authorized by the City Council of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER MAIN ON WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately look into the reasons for the delay in installing the new water main on Washington street, between Morton and River streets, Ward 17, and to do everything possible to expedite this work as it has been going on for the past several months and has become a hazard and interferes with the proper conduct of business by many merchants in the vicinity.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition (referred today) to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day of German Workingmen's Association, by Ernst Seemuller, 22 Amory avenue, Ward 11—recommending that license be granted.
Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

HUMPHREYS STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of traffic conditions on Humphreys street, Ward 7, for the purpose of determining whether, in their opinion, this street should be made one way.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred October 23) of Edmund A. Hancock and David J. O'Connor as Weighers of Coal for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.
The report was accepted and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 15; yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred January 30) for transfer of land on Atkinson street, Roxbury, to the Public Works Department—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Shanley the Council voted at 2.39 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HURLEY at 4.47 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Elizabeth Ticha (referred October 9) to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, William F. Ticha, late member of Fire Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Elizabeth Ticha, widow of William F. Ticha, a member of the Fire Department, who died on September 11, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

2. Report on petition of Minnie M. McQuarrie (referred September 25) to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, William McQuarrie, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Minnie M. McQuarrie, widow of William McQuarrie, a member of the Fire Department, who died on September 9, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

3. Report on order (referred October 23) that the Public Works Commissioner refrain from opening bids as advertised for purchase of garbage and, or, awarding such contracts—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JAMES MAGGIO.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the intersection of Cambridge and Staniford streets, Ward 3, in honor of Pfc. James Maggio, of the United States Army, who was killed in action at Cassino, Italy, on October 25, 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PORTABLE BUILDING FOR CHAI ODOM SYNAGOGUE.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to give to Chai Odum Synagogue one of the portable buildings now being dismantled at the temporary project at Franklin Field. This is to be done with no expense to the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Hannon, it was voted that when the Council adjourned it would be to meet on Monday, November 13, 1950, at 2 P.M.

LIGHTS ON PERSHING ROAD AND WALK HILL STREET.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a light on Pershing road, Ward 19, in front of the entrance to the Mary E. Curley School; also to install a light on the pole in front of 119 Walk Hill street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

"SLOW" SIGNS AT ST. JOHN AND CENTRE STREETS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint "Slow" signs on St. John street, at the corner of Centre street, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 4.50 P.M., on motion of Councilor Wenzler, to meet on Monday, November 13, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 13, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Bryan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag.

Coun. WENZLER in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Fifty-three traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear December 4, 1950:

Domenic Brogna, Ward 1; Michael Leo Dalton, Ward 1; Timothy J. Harrington, Ward 4; Gustav J. Larson, Ward 4; Edward A. Wiessner, Ward 4; Richard E. Finn, Ward 5; William Pitt, Ward 5; Gordon H. Millett, Ward 6; George E. Call, Ward 7; Edward F. Devine, Ward 7; Charles P. Kruger, Ward 7; Alexander A. Sinclair, Ward 7; Arthur A. Burrell, Ward 8; Carmen A. Martucci, Ward 8; Herbert J. Powers, Ward 8; Joseph R. Dyer, Ward 9; Joseph J. Jewell, Ward 10; Michael T. McGowan, Ward 10; Joseph T. O'Neil, Ward 10; Albert E. Smith, Ward 10; Lloyd R. McGowen, Ward 11; Alfred S. Brothers, Ward 12; Nathan Rabinovitz, Ward 12; Robert L. Bolger, Ward 13; James P. Kenny, Ward 13; Francis C. Sardone, Ward 13; Joseph Baker, Ward 14; Alfred T. Carroll, Ward 14; Benjamin Cohen, Ward 14; Morris Fishman, Ward 14; Roger E. Heath, Ward 15; Thomas Albert, Ward 16; David G. Ross, Ward 16; Joseph S. White, Ward 16; Edward Goverman, Ward 17; Myles A. McDonough, Ward 17; Joseph Anastasio, Ward 18; William L. Bond, Ward 18; James R. Pearce, Ward 18; Albert S. Spector, Ward 18; August Braun, Ward 19; Arthur F. Higgins, Ward 19; Henry N. Nelson, Ward 19; Richard J. Cassilli, Ward 20; Kurt Fritz Schroeder, Ward 20; Roy A. Polk, Ward 21; George Steiman, Ward 21; Joseph Weinerman, Ward 21; Wladyslaw Guzinski, Ward 22; John A. Rice, Ward 22; Robert J. Ryan, Ward 22; Antonio D. Salvucci, Ward 22; Edward W. Tewhart, Ward 22.

One hundred ninety traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear December 4, 1950:

Nicholas Contini, Ward 1; Libero Corvi, Ward 1; Victor Gravallese, Ward 1; William E. Hodson, Ward 1; Frederick D. Holden, Ward 1; James Lanza, Ward 1; Frank P. Logiudice, Ward 1; Frank Martin, Ward 1; Thomas McShane, Ward 1; Herbert J. Nolan, Ward 1; John Panzini, Ward 1; James P. Carty, Ward 2; Charles J. Gempka, Ward 2; John J. Grace, Jr., Ward 2; Vincent J. McInnis, Ward 2; Frank Brooks, Ward 3; Joseph T. Curran, Ward 3; Joseph V. Dragotto, Ward 3; Samuel Finer, Ward 3; George Leo Fopiano, Ward 3; Morris B. Levine, Ward 3; John Stepanis, Ward 3; Thomas F. Bowles, Ward 4; Herbert L. Breman, Ward 4; Charles J. Carroll, Ward 4; Arthur A. Gilbert, Ward 4; George F. Rothwell, Ward 4; Abraham Soloway, Ward 4; James Thomas Williams, Ward 4; Robert Barnet, Ward 5; Edward Bernard, Ward 5; Louis A. Campbell, Ward 5; Jeremiah Carroll, Ward 5; Paul J. Cavicchi, Jr., Ward 5; Edwin A. Crabtree, Ward 5; Joel E. Harrell, Ward 5; William P. Hunnewell, Ward 5; Fred Knopf, Ward 5; James W. Robertson, Ward 5; Harrison Schloerb, Ward 5; Raymond Spinney, Ward 5; Charles P. White, Ward 5; James F. Burns, Ward 6; John J. Doyle, Ward 6; Alfred Gaston, Ward 6; P. Joseph Maurici, Ward 6; Vincent F. O'Donnell, Ward 6; Gerard R. Anderson, Ward 7; John J. Clark, Ward 7; Thomas J. Ford, Ward 7; Percy C. Frisbie, Jr., Ward 7; Victor D. Lafontaine, Ward 7; Francis Marr, Ward 7; John J. O'Brien, Ward 7; John M. Shea, Ward 7; Charles H. Shepard, Ward 7; John J. Butt, Ward 8; William G. Congdon, Ward 8; Henry E. Day, Ward 8; Ralph J. Deveau, Ward 8; George B. Peters, Ward 8; Charles E. Phalen, Ward 8.

James R. Ayer, Ward 9; Willis E. Brown, Ward 9; James B. Ipock, Ward 9; Charles A. Phillips, Ward 9; Thomas W. Blagdon, Ward 10; Arthur Burnham, Ward 10; Stephen F. Davis, Ward 10; Thomas J. Flynn, Ward 10; William D. Harvey, Ward 10; Aurel D. LeBlanc, Ward 10; Donald J. McDonald, Ward 10; Charles A. Sarruda, Ward 10; Nicholas H. Stevens, Ward 10; John A. Walsh, Ward 10; William E. Ward, Ward 10; Thomas W. Clarke, Ward 11; John C. Crawford, Ward 11; Charles R. Golling, Ward 11; David L. Holbrook, Ward 11; James J. Lynch, Ward 11; Edward J. White, Ward 11; Horace S. Wilson, Ward 11; Robert Carroll, Ward 12; John E. Hansen, Ward 12; Anders Holmberg, Ward 12; Samuel Perlman, Ward 12; Frederick Perlmutter, Ward 12; Philip Rosen, Ward 12; Paul V. Schroeder, Ward 12; James Sodekson, Ward 12; George E. Winston, Ward 12; Harry Barry, Ward 13; Harry F. Donovan, Ward 13; Eugene Keaney, Ward 13; William M. Ryan, Ward 13; John F. Shamaly, Ward 13; Patrick S. Wallace, Ward 13; Julius A. Butkovitz, Ward 14; Philip Charness, Ward 14; James E. Connolly, Jr., Ward 14; Wilfred J. Desbiens, Ward 14; Joseph Kay, Ward 14; H. Lawrence Naglin, Ward 14; Harry J. Olitsky, Ward 14; Myer Owen, Ward 14; Peter J. Reardon, Ward 14; David Schraft, Ward 14; Samuel Shalit, Ward 14; Abraham Sherman, Ward 14; George Weinstein, Ward 14; James J. Clogher, Ward 15; Henry A. Doherty, Ward 15; Edward E. Jewett, Ward 15; James E. McCormack, Ward 15; Edward F. Sullivan, Ward 15; Henry J. Dolan, Ward 16; Frank E. Farrell, Ward 16; Warren C. French, Ward 16; William H. Luttrell, Ward 16; Alfred E. Manter, Jr., Ward 16; James A. Meehan, Ward 16; James F. Powers, Ward 16; Robert T. Roche, Ward 16; William Roper, Ward 16; Lewis J. Stefanoni, Ward 16.

Francis E. Bedard, Ward 17; David Braunstein, Ward 17; Joseph F. Connell, Ward 17; Francis D'Emilio, Ward 17; David C. Dempster, Ward 17; George M. Jeffery, Ward 17; John F. Lamken, Ward 17; Joseph E. Larkin, Ward 17; Milton C. Mitz, Ward 17; James O'Leary, Ward 17; Lawrence A. Roberts, Ward 17; William T. Saniuk, Ward 17; Raymond F. Shaw, Ward 17; James V. West, Ward 17; Thomas K. Young, Ward 17; Martin J. Begley, Ward 18; John Cristadoro, Ward 18; Ernest W. DiMarzio, Ward 18; Peter Fata, Ward 18; Paul Gerardi, Ward 18; John T. Keating, Ward 18; Frank J. Koelsch, Ward 18; Louis Kramer, Ward 18; Thomas J. McDonnell, Ward 18; Edward W. McLellan, Ward 18; Bartley J. Ramos, Ward 18; William O. Tolland, Ward 18; John J. Carey, Ward 19; Earle W. Cook, Ward 19; Edmund C. Hemmer, Ward 19; John F. Henry, Ward 19; Peter Kevorkian, Ward 19; Otis M. Miller, Ward 19; James G. Milligan, Ward 19; William H. Wright, Ward 19; Frank C. Cassidy, Jr., Ward 20; Harry A. Clarke, Jr., Ward 20; Vincent C. Folan, Ward 20; Robert A. Glaser, Ward 20; John F. Kennedy, Ward 20; Harry N. May, Ward 20; John A. Milligan, Ward 20; Jeremiah E. O'Keefe, Ward 20; Herman T. Schulz, Ward 20; John A. Steenbruggen, Ward 20; Harry Gerber, Ward 21; Leonard C. Riley, Ward 21; Albert S. Robertson, Ward 21; Davis E. Smith, Ward 21; Thomas L. Sullivan, Ward 21; Sidney H. Tushin, Ward 21; Joseph F. Zillman, Ward 21; William Akins, Ward 22; Norman C. Annis, Ward 22; Edward D. Canty, Ward 22; Bernard J. Duncan, Ward 22; Maurice Flynn, Ward 22; Joseph S. Granara, Ward 22; George L. Lally, Ward 22; Richard F. Mannix, Ward 22; Armond J. Marino, Ward 22; Joseph M. Mayer, Ward 22; Austin G. O'Shaughnessy, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

John Patrick McCue, 32 Eastman street, Dorchester, as leather measurer (State License No. 1869) for term ending April 30, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF SUMNER CALISH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, in honor of Lieut. Sumner Calish of the 406th Fighter Bomb 371 Air Force, who lost his life on August 24, 1944, in France while in the service of his country during World War II.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
November 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of Council order of October 30, introduced by Councilors Shanley and Lane, requesting that the intersection of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, be named in honor of Sumner Calish.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in April of 1951, and in this connection, would advise that meetings are held twice annually during April and October. The last meeting was held on October 28.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF JAMES MAGGIO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the naming of the square at the intersection of Cambridge and Staniford streets, Ward 3, in honor of Pfc. James Maggio, of the United States Army, who was killed in action at Cassino, Italy, on October 25, 1944.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
November 7, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans receipt of Council order of October 30, introduced by Councilor Lanigan, requesting that the intersection of Cambridge street and Staniford street, Ward 3, be named in honor of James Maggio.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in April of 1951, and in this connection, would advise that meetings are held twice annually during April and October. The last meeting was held on October 28.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

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CATCH BASIN AT 283 OLD COLONY AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the installation of a catch basin in front of 283 Old Colony avenue, Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 8, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 2:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a catch basin in front of 283 Old Colony avenue, Ward 7."

It has been reported to me that previous to the removal of the edgestone in front of the above-referenced property, the water run off had an unrestricted flow to the catch basin at Jenkins street. Observations during rainfall showed that most of the run off followed the old gutter line to the catch basin but that a ponding condition is created in the area due to improper grading.

It is our intention, therefore, to establish proper grades at the gutter line in order to permit surface water to follow said gutter line to the catch basin at Jenkins street, therefore making it unnecessary to install a new catch basin in front of the above-referenced premises.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

NEW STREET SWEEPING MACHINES, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the putting on of new street sweeping machines in the Dorchester section.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 2, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of order in Council, request of Councilor Farin, under date of October 23, 1950, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put on a new street-sweeping machine in the Dorchester section, or, if this is not possible, to have the present sweeper operated on three shifts."

Within a few weeks, it is expected that it will be necessary to discontinue motor sweeping entirely, as these machines cannot be operated in freezing temperatures.

At the present time, it is not possible to have the sweeper operate on three shifts because we do not have sufficient operators to do so.

In the early spring of 1951, we hope to have an additional motor-sweeping machine and operators, which should bring about the improved conditions desired.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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LOUISE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the recon-

struction of the roadway and sidewalks along Louise park, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 1, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct the roadway and sidewalks along Louise park, Ward 12, and this will advise you that this street is a private way.

Before any work can be performed therein by the Bridge and Highway Division of the Public Works Department, this street will have to be accepted and laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners, Room 401, City Hall Annex, Boston.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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SIDEWALK REPAIR, 79 DALE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the repairing of the sidewalk in front of 79 Dale street, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 1, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 79 Dale street, Ward 12, and this will advise you that the necessary permanent repairs have been made by the District 7 Paving Service forces.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RESURFACING OF WINDERMERE ROAD AND PEVERELL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Windermere road and Peverell street in the Ward 13 section of Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Windermere road and Peverell street in the Ward 13 section of Dorchester, and this will advise you that it is now too late in the season to perform this work and these streets will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for resurfacing during the coming year.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RESURFACING OF BEAVER STREET, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Beaver street, from Cleveland street to Reservation road, Ward 18.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Beaver street, from Cleveland street to Reservation road, Ward 18, and this will advise you that it is now too late in the season to perform this work, but same will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction in 1951.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF GORDON AVENUE, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the resurfacing of Gordon avenue, from River street to beyond Horton street, Ward 18.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Gordon avenue, from River street to beyond Horton street, Ward 18, and please be advised that this street is public from River street to approximately 100 feet westerly of Horton street. From that point on, it is a private way.

The public portion thereof will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction during 1951. The private portion will have to be accepted and laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners, Room 401, City Hall Annex, before this division can perform any work therein.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON STORY AND EAST FIFTH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the installation of granolithic sidewalks on both sides of Story street and also on East Fifth street, between G and H streets, Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 6, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install granolithic sidewalks on both sides of Story street and also on East Fifth street, between G and H streets, Ward 7, and this will advise you that the work mentioned in regard to East Fifth street is under contract and should be taken care of in the very near future.

Insofar as Story street is concerned, same will be put on the sidewalk list for consideration for construction during 1951.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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NEW WATER MAIN, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the delay in installing the new water main on Washington street, between Morton and River streets, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 10, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of October 30:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately look into the reasons for the delay in installing the new water main on Washington street, between Morton and River streets, Ward 17, and to do everything possible to expedite this work, as it has been going on for the past several months and has become a hazard and interferes with the proper conduct of business by many merchants in the vicinity."

I presume that everyone knows the above-referenced work is under the jurisdiction and control of the Metropolitan District Commission. I talked with Chief Engineer Frederick Gow of the Construction Division of the M.D.C. concerning this matter, and he admitted that the contractor had been very slow, but that the work had reached a point where he felt it could be completed and the trench backfilled within the next ten days or two weeks. I informed him of the Council order and the necessity of completing the installation of the new water main as soon as possible, and he assured me that the M.D.C. would do everything possible to complete the work in the near future.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FLOODLIGHTS IN FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the advisability of installing floodlights in Franklin Field, Ward 14.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 6, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order requesting us to immediately study the advisability of installing floodlights in Franklin Field, Ward 14.

We will have an investigation made to see whether it is possible to include this item in the 1951 budget.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND ON EDEN STREET, CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the development of the land, if possible, on Eden street, Charlestown.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 6, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order requesting that the Mayor arrange for the appropriation of a sum sufficient for the development of land on Eden street, Charlestown, formerly occupied by the Winchester Home for the Aged, for the purpose of developing it into a children's play area. We have been given to understand that this land is in the custody of the Department of Foreclosed Real Estate.

It will be necessary for this department to make an investigation of this area to see whether or not it is suitable for play area purposes.

Upon receipt of this information we could then decide whether it should be turned over to this department from the Foreclosed Real Estate Division.

In any event, if the land was turned over to this department, it would require funds which would have to be provided for in the 1951 budget.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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HUMPHREYS STREET, WARD 7, AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the making of a survey of traffic conditions on Humphreys street, Ward 7, to determine whether this street should be made one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
November 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order of October 30, 1950, requesting consideration and report on making Humphreys street one way, I wish to report that at our meeting held on November 9 the Traffic Commission voted to make Ceylon street one way from Bird street to Columbia road, and we believe when this is done that much of the northbound traffic in Humphreys street will be eliminated and thus help to accomplish some of the relief which is desired in this area.

After observation of the effect of the making of Ceylon street one way, if the desired results are not obtained we shall be glad to consider making Humphreys street one way also.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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"SLOW" SIGNS, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the placing of "Slow" signs on East Second street and East Third street at the junction of L street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 30, 1950, Requesting "Slow" Signs on East Second Street and East Third Street at the Junction of L Street, Ward 6.

Dear Sir:

Orders will be issued to comply with the above request.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGN AT ST. JOHN STREET, WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning the placing of "Slow" sign on St. John street at the corner of Centre street, Ward 19.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated October 30, 1950, Requesting That "Slow" Sign Be Painted on St. John Street at the Corner of Centre Street, Ward 19.

Dear Sir:

Orders will be issued to comply with the above request.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith ten orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II who were killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
October 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, held this day, it was voted to designate the following intersections in honor of the following-named veterans of World War II:

Howard avenue and Dudley street, Dorchester district—William M. Atkinson Square. (Seaman Second Class Atkinson was killed on the U.S.S. "Franklin," off Japan coast, March 19, 1945.)

Arcadia and Beethoven streets, West Roxbury district—Walter R. Botolinski Square. (Private Botolinski of the 45th Infantry Division of U.S. Army, was killed in Italy on December 15, 1943.)

Fletcher and Centre streets, West Roxbury district—Anthony F. Chichetto Square. (Lieutenant Chichetto, a member of U.S. Army Air Force, was killed over Germany on April 18, 1944.)

Shannon and Washington streets, Brighton district—Anthony L. Cocuzzo Square. (Top Sergeant Cocuzzo, a member of the Combat Engineers, U.S. Army, was killed in Leyte, December 17, 1944.)

Brunswick and Warren streets, Roxbury district—Harry M. Grossman Square. (Private Grossman, a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army, was killed in Italy, February 29, 1944.)

Fenwood road and Huntington avenue, Roxbury district—Wellington J. Hall Square. (Private First Class Hall, a member of the Marine Corps, was killed in Okinawa, June 11, 1945.)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and La Grange street, West Roxbury district—Gerald J. and Thomas W. Keenan Square. (Corporal Keenan (Thomas W.), a member of the Marine Corps, was killed on Tinian Island, Marianas, South Pacific, July 28, 1944).

(Engineer's Mate Second Class Keenan (Gerald J.), a member of the U. S. Navy, was killed aboard the U.S.S. "Canberra" in the Asiatic Area, October 13, 1944.)

L and East Sixth streets, South Boston district—John R. Mantville Square. (Sergeant Mantville, a member of the U. S. Army, was killed in Germany, March 5, 1945.)

Wren street, Tennyson street, and Woodard road (junction), West Roxbury district—Henry P. Morelli Square. (Lieutenant Morelli, U.S.N.R., was killed in an air crash over Greenland, March 3, 1943.)

Boylston and Lamartine streets, Jamaica Plain district—Walter E. Nelson Square. (Lieutenant Nelson, U. S. Army, was killed in action in Germany, October 14, 1944.)

Notice of the above vote has been forwarded to the City Council for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Howard avenue and Dudley street, Ward 13, be named William M. Atkinson Square, in honor of William M. Atkinson, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Arcadia and Beethoven streets, Ward 11, be named Walter R. Botolinski Square, in honor of Walter R. Botolinski, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Fletcher and Centre streets, Ward 20, be named Anthony F. Chichetto Square, in honor of Anthony F. Chichetto, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Shannon and Washington streets, Ward 22, be named Anthony L. Cocuzzo Square, in honor of Anthony L. Cocuzzo, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Brunswick and Warren streets, Ward 12, be named Harry M. Grossman Square, in honor of Harry M. Grossman, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Fenwood road and Huntington avenue, Ward 10, be named Wellington J. Hall Square, in honor of Wellington J. Hall, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and La Grange street, Ward 20, be named Gerald J. and Thomas W. Keenan Square, in honor of Gerald J. and Thomas W. Keenan, late veterans of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of L and East Sixth streets, Wards 6 and 7, be named John R. Mantville Square, in honor of John R. Mantville, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Wren street, Tennyson street, and Woodard road,

Ward 20, be named Henry P. Morelli Square, in honor of Henry P. Morelli, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Boylston and Lamartine streets, Ward 19, be named Walter E. Nelson Square, in honor of Walter E. Nelson, late veteran of World War II.

Referred to Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, requesting the appropriation of $40,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $40,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 3, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $40,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $40,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $40,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

APPROPRIATION FOR PURCHASE OF LAND IN WEST ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order whereby the sum of $11,000 may be appropriated from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, by eminent domain, or otherwise for playground purposes, a parcel of land containing approximately 294,715 square feet situated in the West Roxbury district, bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street.

The City Planning Board in its report for the year 1948 recommended that this property be acquired by the city at an early date for future development as a playground area.

On March 6, 1950, an order was passed by your Honorable Body requesting that this property be acquired by the City of Boston for playground purposes. I therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 6, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

On March 6, 1950, the City Council passed an order requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to purchase or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in West Roxbury, bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street, for the purpose of constructing a playground for the small children in the neighborhood. The Board of Street Commissioners has conferred with the owner of the property and believes that the property can be obtained for the sum of $11,000.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on October 17, 1950, this Board voted to undertake the steps necessary for the acquisition of the land and now requests your Honor to bring to the City Council the appropriate order transferring to this department the necessary funds to acquire the land.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman,
Board of Park Commissioners.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, by eminent domain, or otherwise, for playground purposes a parcel of land containing approximately 294,715 square feet situated in the West Roxbury district, bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare, Central Office, A, Personal Service, $3,500, to the appropriation for Public Welfare, Wayfarers' Lodge, A, Personal Service, $3,500.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Ferry Improvements, etc., $300, to the appropriation for fire, Electrical Inspection Division, D, Supplies, $300.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Penal Institutions, House of Correction, Special Appropriation, Emergency Repairs, $7,790.25, Special Improvements and Repairs, $3,209.75, to the appropriation for Penal Institutions, House of Correction, D, Supplies, $11,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriations for Special Appropriation, Jail Improvements, $10,000, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston, B, Contractual Services, $7,500, D, Supplies, $2,500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Jail Improvements, $500, to the appropriation for District Court of Chelsea, D, Supplies, $500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

American Textile Company, for compensation for damage to property at 32 and 34 Canal street, caused by water.

Joseph and Jennie Bonigli, for compensation for damage to property at 289 Adams street, Dorchester, caused by breaking of water pipe.

Mrs. M. Bozzotto, for compensation for damage to property at 83 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, during sidewalk construction.

Mary and Lewis V. Brule, for compensation for damage to property and injuries caused by an alleged defect in Faneuil street.

Lillian Butler, for compensation for injuries caused by defect in steamer "James M. Curley."

Catherine Cheney, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Neil P. Coyle, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Wilfred J. Croteau, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in repairing leak in water main at 74 Florida street, Dorchester.

Willis H. Crowell, Jr., for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 2 Charles street, Dorchester, during change of water meters.

A. F. Cummings, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

William E. Daly, for compensation for injuries caused by car of Fire Department

Maxwell Davis, for compensation for injuries and damages caused by an alleged defect at 168 Chiswick road.

Joseph Dencer, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Arthur Doherty, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

John F. Downey, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Walter G. Foley, for compensation for damage to property at 23 Badger road, Hyde Park, by city employees.

Reuben Garfinkle, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Marshall Grover, for compensation for damage to property on Brookline avenue, at Park Drive, caused by snow loader.

Patrick J. Hart, for compensation for damage to property at 22–29 Myrtlebank avenue, Dorchester, due to excavating ledge, etc.

Rebecca Kleiman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 112 Homestead street, Roxbury.

Rose A. Larkin, for compensation for damage to driveway at 23 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, during laying out of sidewalk.

Timothy F. Leary, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 618 Harvard avenue, Mattapan, caused by water being shut off.

Harry A. Lesser, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Merrimac street, caused by break in water main.

Kenneth Bryant Lewis, for compensation for injuries and damage to bicycle caused by city truck.

Anthony P. Mahoney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Aleck and Mary Marshall, for compensation for damage to property at 114 D street, caused by negligent maintenance of water pipes.

Michael E. Masella, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in A street, near Melcher street.

Christine G. McGrath, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Ralph W. Michaud, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 188 Warren street.

Thomas Norton, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Robert E. Randall, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Paul N. Shipman, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Dover Street Bridge.

Wilma Smyth, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Charles Street subway station.

Ralph S. Stockbridge, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

William J. and Mary A. Welch, for compensation for damage to property at 46 Neponset avenue, caused by bursting water main.

Nathan Zohn, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for license to operate buses from Revere-Boston line to Haymarket square to Mystic River Bridge, over Bennington street, Ashley street, Boardman street, Saratoga street, St. Edward road, Barnes avenue, Bremen street, Neptune road, Endicott street, Keany square, Washington street, City square, Chelsea street, to Mystic River Bridge on Mystic River Bridge.

TAKING OF LAND BY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan District Commission of taking of land on Beacon street at Charlesgate East and West as shown in plan accompanying communication.

Placed on file.

TAKING OF LAND BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR STATE HIGHWAY.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of taking of land on Washington Street North, Haverhill, Causeway and Beverly streets for state highway.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of $7,920 by Boston Housing Authority for installation of subdrain at Victory Road and Adams Street Chapter 372 Project.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 30) of Harriet C. Santoro, as weigher of coal for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 30) of Kenneth Lewis, as weigher of beef for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Cantwell and Farin. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

ICE SKATING IN PUBLIC GARDEN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to discuss with the Park Commissioners the possibility of piping the Boston Public Garden for ice skating, independent of the weather, so that Boston may offer some winter-long pleasure and recreation in the form of ice skating to Bostonians and visitors, as is offered in Radio City, New York.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. CANTWELL, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of $40,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, McColgan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—17.

Nays—0.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLEASANT PLACE.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Pleasant place, Ward 7, as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF WENDELL STREET.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Wendell street, Ward 7, as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, EAST FIRST STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on the north side of East First street, South Boston, from K street to Summer street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN FRONT OF ENGINE COMPANY 14 AND RESCUE 2, ROXBURY.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signals in front of Engine Company 14 and Rescue 2, Centre street, Roxbury.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

STREET LIGHT NEAR 35 WAIT STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a street light on Wait street, Roxbury, near No. 35.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SCHOOL STREET, WARD 11, AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make School street, between Walnut avenue and Washington street, in Ward 11, Jamaica Plain, a one-way street in order to protect the lives of the children living in that vicinity.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION IN HONOR OF MYRON HARRY FEINSTEIN.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the War Memorial Committee be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to name the corner of Warren and Quincy streets in honor of Myron Harry Feinstein, private first class, who was killed at Tageu, Korea, on September 4, 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON INTERVALE STREET.

Coun. COOK and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to continue one-way traffic on Intervale street, from Warren street to Blue Hill avenue to Normandy street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF GUIDO PETRILLI.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection at Wayland street and Dacia street, Ward 13, in honor of Sergt. Guido Petrilli, U. S. Army, who died in the service of his country in World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF LEONARD SESTITO.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection at Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street, Ward 13, in honor of Pvt. Leonard Sestito, U. S. Army, who died in the service of his country in World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MAGNOLIA AND ALEXANDER STREETS AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of making Magnolia street and Alexander street in Ward 13 one way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES NEAR COPLEY SQUARE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be asked, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council relative to their proposed construction of off-street parking facilities in the vicinity of Copley square.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

FUTURE ELECTIONS IN CITY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That the Election Commissioners be asked, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council relative to the betterment and the improvement of conditions concerning the conducting of future elections in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

CIVIL SERVICE TENURE FOR CITY COUNCIL ATTACHÉS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of directing the Legislative Agent of the City of Boston to prepare civil service tenure for the existing permanent attachés of the Boston City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

AMATEUR FOOTBALL GAME, BRAVES FIELD.

Coun. HANNON, McCOLGAN, BEADES, and RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That a license be hereby granted to William M. Mullen, Director of Recreation, Boston Park Department, to use Braves Field on the afternoon of Sunday, November 19, 1950, for an amateur football game between the Chippewa A. C. and the Pat Lynch football team, provided that the provisions of section 25 of chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 relative to liability insurance shall be complied with; the fee for said license shall be $5.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

LEGISLATION FAVORING HOME RULE FOR BOSTON.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Legislative Counsel to prepare legislation calling for home rule for Boston and legislation drafted to the end that the Mayor of the City of Boston may appoint a Police Commissioner, Licensing Board, and to further watch for any move that may nullify the rights of our citizens under our home rule system in which the Mayor's appointive authority may be voided, and that His Excellency the Governor be requested not to appoint a new Police Commissioner or any member of the Boston Licensing Board until such time as the Legislature acts upon legislation giving home rule to Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO PAY OLD AGE BENEFITS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request a conference with federal administrators and state authorities, as well as the Board of Overseers, to deal with the problem of referenda recently enacted by the voters of Massachusetts in connection with old age benefits, to the end that federal authorities will financially assist Boston in the execution of the plan to administer this act with justice.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AROUND HECHT HOUSE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Public Works Commissioner to immediately place electric lights around the Hecht House, particularly on American Legion Highway and on Austin street in Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LIGHT AT EMERSON STREET AND BROADWAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Street Lighting Division of the Public Works Department be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric light at the intersection of Emerson street and Broadway, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CODMAN SQUARE SAFETY ISLANDS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install safety islands in Codman square, Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PAINTING OF CROSSWALKS, CODMAN SQUARE.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint crosswalks on Washington street in the business section of Codman square, Ward 17.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

AMBULATORY SUBSTATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to hold a conference with the director of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the purpose of establishing an ambulatory substation at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for all the residents of Allston and Brighton.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor McColgan, the Council voted at 3.33 P.M. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Wenzler at 4.40 P.M.

SALE OF GARBAGE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That before the city enter into any contract relative to the sale of garbage in Dorchester, his Honor the Mayor determine, through the Law Department or through the courts, whether or not the city has a right to enter into such contract—in other words, who owns the garbage.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PROPOSED GARAGE IN COPLEY SQUARE SECTION.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to proceed no further with the proposed erection of a garage in the Copley Square section until after the public hearing next Thursday on the same and the forthcoming meeting of the Boston City Council on next Monday.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PAYMENT TO PARENTS OF GERALD ESPOSITO.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the city to pay a sum of money to the parents of Gerald Esposito for injuries which he sustained on or about August 27, 1949, because of a missing

handrail on the slide at the Charter Street Playground, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHTS ON EAST SECOND STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place arc lights on East Second street between L and M streets because of its present dark and dangerous condition in Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) that license be granted to William M. Mullen, Director of Recreation, Park Department, to use Braves Field on Sunday afternoon, November 19, 1950, for amateur football game—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on order (referred August 28) that chapter 788 of Acts of 1950 entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Arthur Genualdo," be accepted—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and ten orders (referred today) for naming of intersections in honor of deceased veterans of World War II— that said orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders severally passed.

Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations between departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Chase, Coffey, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

APPROVAL OF BOND.

A liability policy of the American Universal Insurance Company issued to the City of Boston Park Department for Park League Championship Football Game at Braves Field on Sunday, November 19, 1950, was submitted and approved by the Council.

Adjourned at 4.47 P.M., on motion of Councilor Lanigan, to meet on Monday, November 20, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 20, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member WENZLER in the chair. Absent, Councilors Bryan, Hurley, Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Sixty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear December 13, 1950:

Henry M. Deleaco, Ward 1; Herbert W. Johnson, Ward 1; Joseph J. Lanzo, Ward 1; Saverio LoPilato, Ward 1; Giovanni Marotta, Ward 1; Joseph L. Nichols, Ward 1; Thomas C. Paterson, Ward 1; John Leo Sheehan, Ward 1; Joseph M. Cody, Ward 2; Timothy D. Kelley, Ward 2; George G. Green, Ward 3; Francis M. Labagnara, Ward 4; Michael D. Shea, Ward 4; Nelson J. Stanley, Ward 4; Daniel M. Sullivan, Ward 5; Malcolm Collings, Ward 6; Daniel F. O'Sullivan, Ward 6; Edward J. Stankey, Ward 6; Albert L. Julian, Ward 7; John F. McGuire, Ward 7; James J. Connolly, Ward 8; Michael J. Lally, Ward 9; Carl W. Driest, Ward 10; Ira W. Fuller, Ward 10; Thomas F. Harrigan, Ward 10; Patrick H. Jones, Ward 10; Raymond F. Callahan, Ward 11; James L. Cunningham, Ward 11; James A. McLellan, Ward 11; Theodore Saunders, Ward 11; Graham Croff, Ward 13; James P. O'Brien, Ward 13.

John Chalfin, Ward 14; Joseph Feldman, Ward 14; Edward Finer, Ward 14; Louis Joseph, Ward 14; Hyman Lipson, Ward 14; Harold Stone, Ward 14; Edward F. Gately, Ward 15; Ernest B. LaCoy, Ward 15; Leo J. LeFort, Ward 15; John E. Lennon, Ward 15; Daniel McDevitt, Ward 15; James L. McGrath, Ward 15; Walter J. Slattery, Ward 15; Paul J. Concannon, Ward 16; Albert E. Johnson, Ward 16; William S. Fox, Ward 17; Jacob W. Meyers, Ward 17; James Almon Perkins, Ward 17; Daniel J. Roche, Ward 17; William S. Freeman, Ward 18; Walter H. Kirby, Ward 18; George F. O'Neill, Ward 18; John L. Ruchione, Ward 18; Henry Sneyd, Ward 18; Maynor C. Curry, Ward 19; Howard C. Burke, Ward 20; James H. Duffy, Ward 20; William J. Keefe, Ward 20; Frederick Abbott, Ward 21; Leroy Davis, Ward 21; Jesse G. Mayhew, Ward 21; Charles H. Murray, Ward 21; Robert E. Zimmerman, Ward 21; Peter Flaherty, Ward 22; Alfred L. Horne, Ward 22.

FLAT RATE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Assistant Attorney General relative to your order of October 30, 1950, concerning an investigation and ascertaining the reasons why insurance companies throughout the state are so strongly opposed to referendum No. 5, namely, a flat rate automobile insurance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of the Attorney General,
State House, Boston,
November 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your note of November 2, 1950, referring to an order of the City Council, enclosed with your communication, which provided that through his Honor the Mayor, the Attorney General be requested to make certain investigations.

The first subject of investigation proposed relates to the method of fixing rates under the compulsory automobile insurance law and impliedly raises the question of whether insurance companies licensed to write such insurance in Massachusetts have such an interest in the fixing of those rates according to the zone method as to entitle them to expend money in opposing the measure proposed under the initiative provision of the Constitution, which would have prohibited the fixing of the rates by zones.

General Laws, chapter 55, section 7, as amended, permits corporations carrying on the business of insurance to expend or contribute money to influence or affect the vote on a question submitted to the voters, which is one "materially affecting any of the property, business or assets of the corporation." The present law relating to the fixing of automobile insurance rates permits, but does not require, that the rates be fixed by zones. Over the years, succeeding commissioners of insurance to whom the fixing of the rates is committed by statute have fixed the rates annually by zones according to the alleged accident frequency of insured cars in the zone. The rates so determined by the provisions of the statute cannot go into effect until the Commissioner has given a public hearing on the rates proposed.

Since it must be assumed that the various insurance commissioners have considered the zone system of fixing rates they have adopted to bear some relation to the carrying on of the business of insuring cars under the compulsory automobile insurance law, it is most unlikely that it would be held that the measure to forbid rate fixing by zones was not a question "materially affecting any of the property, business or assets of the corporation" within G. L. (Ter. Ed.), chapter 55, paragraph 7, as amended, and, consequently, it is unlikely that an insurance company would be held to have no right to expend or contribute money to influence the vote on the question. However, if as is implied from the wording of the order the Council believes the present zone system is unfair or that the zoning thereunder for the City of Boston is improper, the Council could provide for a study of the matter with a view to presenting the findings and arguments against the zone system or the particular method of zoning adopted to the Commissioner of Insurance at a hearing on proposed rates under the compulsory automobile insurance law, and if it is deemed proper, could provide that the proper city officials seek such judicial review of the commissioner's determination as might be open to them.

The second subject of investigation proposed refers to an anticipated event which does not seem to have taken place, and impliedly raises the same question as to the right of the insurance company to oppose a measure proposed by an initiative petition previously discussed. The statute I have already referred to, which allows the insurance company to oppose a question submitted to the voters "materially affecting any of the property, business or assets of the corporation" permits a company to contribute money "or other valuable thing" for the purpose of such opposition. The contribution of the services of an employee paid by an insurance company would be within the last quoted words of the statute and absent coercion, which is not claimed in the order, and provided the

provisions of the statutes relative to the reporting of contributions by corporations and of receipts and expenditures by committees are complied with, it would appear such contribution would not be legally objectionable.

Very truly yours,
TIMOTHY J. MURPHY,
Assistant Attorney General.

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REMOVAL OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND CHILDREN'S AID DIVISIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your orders of October 9, 1950, concerning the removing of the Old Age Assistance Division from Hawkins street; also the removing of the Aid to Dependent Children Division from Hawkins street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
November 2, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston have received notification of the following orders of the City Council, which were passed October 9, 1950:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of the Public Welfare for the purpose of removing the Old Age Assistance Division from Hawkins street and setting it up in City Hall, if possible, as a separate department to be known as the Old Age Assistance Department."

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"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Overseers of the Public Welfare for the purpose of removing the Aid to Dependent Children Division from Hawkins street to City Hall, if possible, as a separate department to be known as the Aid to Dependent Children Department."

The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston would be pleased to meet with your Honor at your convenience, to confer on this matter, if you so desire.

For such an order to become effective would mean the passing of a city ordinance and considerable changes in the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertinent to the powers and duties of Boards of Public Welfare.

Very truly yours,
HENRY E. FOLEY, Chairman.

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SAFETY MEASURES AT SULLIVAN SQUARE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Legal Department of the City of Boston to take every legal step necessary to resist the suit threatened by the M. DeMatteo Construction Company for damages which the DeMatteo Company says it sustained as a consequence of the landslide on November 2 in the Sullivan square, Charlestown, traffic construction work; and be it further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to enter a formal protest with the State Department of Public Works regarding the gross inadequacy of the safety measures installed by the DeMatteo Company on this project.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF SCHOOL-OWNED PROPERTY, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Construction relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning cleaning up and macadam surfacing the school-owned property adjacent to the James J. Storrow School, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
November 16, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

Replying to your communication of October 25, 1950, subject—City Council order of October 23, 1950, concerning cleaning up and macadam surfacing the school-owned property adjacent to the James J. Storrow School, Ward 22, said property located at Lothrop street, because of the unsightly and unhealthy condition existing there at the present time, please be informed that an inspection was made of the premises, a lot adjoining the James J. Storrow School, formerly the site of the Auburn School, and it is agreed that there is a thick growth of weeds and brush on it.

The approximate cost for regrading and paving the entire lot and enclosing same with a chain link fence would be $5,500, and inasmuch as there are not funds in that amount for such an expenditure in the 1950 budget I will recommend that a sum approximating that amount be set aside in the 1951 budget so that the work can be done in the spring of next year.

Very truly yours,
JAMES H. MOONEY,
Superintendent of Construction.

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CEYLON STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the advisability of making Ceylon street, Dorchester, one way, between Quincy street and Columbia road.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 10, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated September 25, 1950, Directing This Commission to Consider the Advisability of Making Ceylon Street, Dorchester, One Way, Between Quincy Street and Columbia Road.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held November 9, 1950, it was voted to make Ceylon street one way, from Bird street to Columbia road.

This regulation will become effective beginning November 27, 1950, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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ICE SKATING IN PUBLIC GARDEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the possibility of piping the Boston Public Garden for ice skating, independent of the weather, so that Boston may offer some winter-long pleasure and recreation in the form of ice skating to Bostonians and visitors, as is offered in Radio City, New York.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 17, 1950.
Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order of November 13, requesting that the Park Commission look into the possibility of piping the Boston Public Garden for ice skating so that we might have skating during the spring and fall months as well as the winter.

I will have an investigation made of this by the Chief Engineer to ascertain whether it will be possible for Boston to be on a program similar to that which is offered in Radio City, New York.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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"STOP" SIGNS ON WAYLAND STREET, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of September 25, 1950, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs to be erected on Wayland street, at Magnolia street, Ward 13.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 14, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order dated September 25, 1950, requesting that "Stop" signs be erected on Wayland street, at Magnolia street, Ward 12, it is the opinion of our engineers that traffic at this intersection does not warrant the erection of "Stop" signs. However, orders have been issued to erect "Slow" signs in this area.

The installation of isolated "Stop" signs frequently results in making a speedway out of one of the streets involved. "Stop" signs are customarily installed on a series of side streets connected with a through way. Experience has shown that where a single "Stop" street is established, those who use the street become familiar with the fact and take chances which result in additional hazards. For this reason there is a state-wide trend to minimize the number of isolated "Stop" streets.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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"STOP" SIGNS ON CERTAIN WARD 16 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 2, 1950, concerning the requesting of "Stop" signs on Wrentham street, Templeton street, Lonsdale street, and St. Marks road, at the intersection of Florida street, Ward 16.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 13, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: City Council Order Dated October 2, 1950, Requesting "Stop" Signs on Wrentham Street, Templeton Street, Lonsdale Street, and St. Marks Road, at the Intersection of Florida Street, Ward 16.
Dear Sir:

A survey has been made at these intersections and it was observed that Florida street is a divided roadway and that practically all of the traffic using this is of local origin and accordingly drivers are familiar with the hazards of the section.

The installation of "Stop" signs frequently results in the speeding up of traffic due to the fact the persons knowing that there are "Stop" signs on the approaching streets feel that they are on a through street so that increased hazards frequently result. "Stop" signs are effective for the establishment of through ways on main streets but seldom solve local problems such as the one described in this City Council order.

For the above reasons this commission, at a meeting held November 9, voted to reject the request contained in the Council order.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN INTERVALE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the continuance of the one-way traffic regulation in Intervale street to Normandy street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 17, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated November 13, 1950, Requesting the Continuance of the One-Way Traffic Regulation in Intervale Street to Normandy Street.
Dear Sir:

I wish to report that at a recent meeting of this commission it was voted to adopt the above rule which will become effective beginning November 27, 1950.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SAFETY ISLANDS, CODMAN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the installation of safety islands in Codman square, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
November 17, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated November 13, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Safety Islands in Codman Square, Ward 17.
Dear Sir:

Plans have been completed for locating suitable channelizing islands and modernizing the operation of the traffic signals in Codman square. This work will be done early in the spring of 1951.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 20, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, A, Personal Service, $2,155.10, B, Contractual Services, $1,560, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Temporary Home, A, Personal Service, $2,155.10, B, Contractual Services, $665, C, Equipment, $290, E, Materials, $605.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, B, Contractual Services, $2,378, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Wayfarers' Lodge, B, Contractual Services, $333, D, Supplies, $2,010, E, Materials, $35.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John E. Burwell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Dorothy A. Cairns, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John Donnelly & Sons, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Joseph X. Dorsey, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Public Works Department.

Marion Frager, for compensation for damage to property at 22 Browning avenue, during sidewalk construction.

Anne Gillis, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in repairing leak under sidewalk at 10 Trull street, Dorchester.

Kalliope & Sotiros Harris, for compensation for injuries and damage to car by fire apparatus.

John F. Lane, for compensation for loss of personal property used in city business.

Joseph Lanzilli, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in South Ferry.

Charlotte S. Mansfield, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Common.

Rose A. McArdle, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 6 Druid street, caused by water being shut off.

Modern-Age, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 40 Canal street, caused by bursting water main.

James E. Murphy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Franklin Park, near Blue Hill avenue.

Conrad Ramisch, for compensation for loss of money while patient at City Hospital.

John L. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Rosalie Swartz, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Summer street, near Hawley street.

Toll Gate, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 3847 Washington street and 25 Hyde Park avenue, caused by water leakage.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Arborway Bowlaway by Mario Colabello, 1 Boynton street, Jamaica Plain, Ward 11, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 13) of John Patrick McCue as Leather Measurer—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Coffey and Hannon. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, and the appointment was confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Service Bus Line, Inc. (referred July 24), for license to operate motor vehicles from Orient Heights to Revere-Boston line on Bennington and Saratoga streets, about Breed square and Thomas J. Giblin square—recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

Report on petition of Arborway Bowlaway (referred today) for petition to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day—recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN CENTRAL SQUARE PARK.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a Christmas tree in Central Square Park in East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MODERN FIELD HOUSE, BARRY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor cause to be included in the Park Department budget for 1951 a sum sufficient for the construction of a modern field house in Barry Playground, Medford and Chelsea streets, Charlestown, Ward 2.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INFORMATION RE CONSTRUCTION AT CALF PASTURE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the members of the Boston Housing Authority to inform the City Council what progress has been made on the proposed construction on the so-called calf pastures in Dorchester.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

OFF-STREET PARKING GARAGES.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to erect any garages for off-street parking, over vacant lots.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF RENALDO L. SESTITO.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the intersection of Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street in honor of Sergt. Renaldo L. Sestito, World War II.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES.

Coun. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That, effective as of November 8, 1950, the amount of all annuities paid by the City of Boston under section 89a of chapter 32 of the General Laws to beneficiaries of policemen, firemen, or other employees, heretofore determined to have been killed, or to have died from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, shall be the maximum amount authorized by said section, as amended by chapter 757 of the Acts of 1950, for the particular case.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALKS ON H STREET, WARD 7.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Department be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks on H street, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ALL-DAY PARKING BY EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS CONCERNS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Chamber of Commerce and the heads of all business organizations with places of business in Boston, to make a survey of all their employees to ascertain those who use their automobiles to drive into the city and park their automobiles all day, and request such employees to park their automobiles on the outskirts of the city to the end that the parking problem in the city will be greatly relieved.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CHECKS FOR OLD AGE RECIPIENTS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Old Age Assistance Division be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to look into the reason why checks were not forwarded to old age recipients last week. This order is put in mainly to prevent recurrence of this condition.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the members of the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately study the advisability of opening up two school buildings in Ward 14 and throughout the city for the purpose of immediately inaugurating club programs and other such activities that will serve the social and recreational needs of the youngsters of our city.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

BEALE STREET ENTRANCE TO ASHMONT STATION.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor immediately hold a conference with the trustees of the Metropolian Transit Authority with a view to prevent the closing of the Beale street entrance to the Ashmont Station. This entrance if closed will cause great inconvenience to the patrons of the Metropolitan Transit Authority in this area and will create a hardship on the aged and young by requiring them to walk an additional half mile in order to gain entrance.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

WHITE FUND HEALTH CENTER IN DORCHESTER.

Coun. BEADES, RAMSEY, and FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor bring up at the next meeting of the trustees of the White Fund the matter of establishing a health center in Dorchester. This health center has been voted on by the trustees at previous meetings and the people of Dorchester are most desirous for plans to be drawn and work to be started immediately as this section of the City of Boston has no adequate health unit in order to take care of the needs of this highly populated section.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

"STOP" SIGNS AT SANFORD AND OLD MORTON STREETS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to place "Stop" signs at Sanford and Old Morton streets, Ward 17, said signs to be placed on both sides of Sanford street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON BURT AND ASHMONT STREETS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign engineers to study the traffic conditions on Burt and Ashmont streets, Ward 17, in order to prevent future accidents.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS ON TERRACE STREET.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect "No Parking" signs on Terrace street, on the westerly side.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor F. P. Tracey the Council voted at 3.30 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Wenzler at 4 P.M.

ARC LIGHTS ON WEST THIRD STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place arc lights on West Third street, between D and B streets.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Anna H. Sweeney (referred September 25) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Lawrence J. Sweeney, late member of the Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89a of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of eighteen hundred and twelve dollars be allowed and paid to Anna H. Sweeney, widow of Lawrence J. Sweeney, a member of the Fire Department, who died on August 15, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Anna H. Sweeney, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,500 per annum.

For the following-named child during such time as he is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $312 per annum:

John R. Sweeney, born February 15, 1933, provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for said child shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

2. Report on petition of Mary Savage (referred September 25) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Joseph Savage, late member of the Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89a of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of fifteen hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Mary Savage, widow of Joseph Savage, a member of the Police Department, who died on September 6, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

3. Report on petition of Mary C. Sullivan (referred October 23) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Francis E. Sullivan, late member of the Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89a of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twenty-four hundred and thirty-six dollars be allowed and paid to Mary C. Sullivan, widow of Francis E. Sullivan, a member of the Fire Department, who died on September 7, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Mary C. Sullivan, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,500 per annum.

For each of the following-named children during such time as he or she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $312 per annum:

Francis E. Sullivan, born September 12, 1944;

Regina M. Sullivan, born October 21, 1940;

Elaine M. Sullivan, born January 23, 1939;

provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for each of the said children shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

4. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—recommending that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders severally passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Lanigan, McColgan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—14.

Nays—0.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Hannon the Council voted that when it adjourned it would be to meet on Monday, December 4, 1950.

Adjourned at 4.04 P.M., on motion of Councilor Hannon, to meet on Monday, December 4, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 4, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member WENZLER in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPEARANCE OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WOLK.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved that the City Messenger ask Mr. Wolk, Assistant Corporation Counsel, to appear before the Executive Committee meeting today, and the motion was passed.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the measure prescribed by law, Councilor Farin presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 2, 1951:

Frank LaPorta, Ward 1; Oliver O'Gorman, Ward 4; Vernon S. Bowles, Ward 5; John Brabants, Ward 7; William F. McLaren, Ward 7; Frank W. Ochs, Ward 7; Howard Y. B. Purdy, Ward 7; John A. Gately, Ward 10; Herman E. Gall, Ward 12; George F. McNeil, Ward 12; Louis Osher, Ward 12; Burt Meyers, Ward 14; George W. Slater, Jr., Ward 15; Forrest G. Smith, Ward 15; John J. Murphy, Ward 16; George E. Barnes, Ward 17; Charles G. Musmeci, Ward 17; William E. MacDonald, Ward 18; Leo L. Tolland, Ward 18; George A. Maloney, Ward 19; Alfred E. Oberlander, Ward 20; Earl W. Webb, Ward 22.

Fifty-one traverso jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 2, 1951:

Gennaro D'Amico, Ward 1; James T. Haberlin, Ward 1; Angelo F. D'Ambrosio, Ward 3; R. Reynolds Mink, Ward 3; Albert F. Flanagan, Ward 5; Hugh J. MacDonald, Ward 5; Joseph J. Pendrak, Ward 5; Thomas R. McGowan, Ward 6; Walter M. McGuire, Ward 6; Michael E. Mullen, Ward 6; Leo Entwistle, Ward 7; Joseph J. Evans, Ward 7; Patrick J. O'Donnell, Ward 7; George M. Scanlon, Ward 7; Edward L. Smith, Ward 7; John C. Fuller, Ward 8; Warren E. Davis, Ward 10; Stanley W. Haney, Ward 10; Patriek J. Jones, Ward 10; John F. McGilvray, Ward 10; Thomas F. McGowan, Ward 10; James J. Kelley, Ward 11; Charles J. Hodson, Ward 12; Charles Vickers, Ward 12; Charles J. Reardon, Ward 12; Frank J. Zaikis, Ward 13; Howard S. Berenson, Ward 14; Henry Harmon, Ward 14; Henry C. Hartley, Ward 14; Andrew W. Boyd, Ward 15; Daniel W. Dunn, Ward 15; William Y. Hartnett, Ward 15; Francis J. Coffey, Ward 16; Thomas Joyce, Ward 16; Martin J. Mooney, Ward 16; Leo T. Foley, Ward 17; William F. Kiley, Ward 17; Frank W. Maguire, Ward 17; Felix C. Smith, Ward 17; Charles Solov, Ward 17; Arvid J. Spank, Ward 17; John J. Fulton, Ward 18; Henry D. MacRitchie, Jr., Ward 18; Augustus J. Reinhardt, Ward 18; Michael J. Comperchio, Ward 19; Howard F. Boates, Ward 20; James F. Johnson, Ward 20; William H. Moulton, Ward 20; Eugene F. DeCroteau, Ward 21; Charles Merlin, Ward 21; Wilfred C. Peek, Ward 21.

One hundred eighty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear January 2, 1951:

George A. Brown, Ward 1; Ralph Bruno, Ward 1; Lawrence A. Cooney, Ward 1; Thomas M. Delaney, Ward 1; Ralph DeRota, Ward 1; Victor Gellucci, Ward 1; Dionizio Miranto, Ward 1; Francis V. Murphy, Ward 1; Donald Pannese, Ward 1; Peter Porcella, Ward 1; Thomas A. Serra, Ward 1; Angelo R. Voto, Ward 1; Paul V. Belyea, Ward 2; Peter T. Gately, Ward 2; James P. Hutt, Ward 2; John D. Kelley, Ward 2; Paul W. Prescott, Ward 2; Jeremiah J. Albano, Ward 3; Andrew J. Hiluck, Ward 3; Charles H. Laplante, Ward 3; Frank D. Mercurio, Ward 3; Alexander Nassor, Ward 3; Edward C. O'Neill, Ward 3; Frank Ray, Ward 3; Pasquale Rossetti, Ward 3; Charles A. Tampone, Ward 3; Fred Woolley, Ward 3; Arthur W. Argue, Ward 4; Edward F. Crudup, Ward 4; Edward H. Goldberg, Ward 4; Bruce Hallifax, Ward 4; Frank P. Haney, Ward 4; William L. McCarthy, Ward 4; Howard P. McDonald, Ward 4; Herbert J. Carville, Ward 5; Francis H. Griffen, Ward 5; Frederick A. Lambert, Ward 5; Victor C. Peterson, Ward 5; Russell Herron, Ward 6; Clarence J. Hines, Ward 6; John J. Mullins, Ward 6; Joseph L. Pistorino, Ward 6; John E. Butler, Ward 7; James J. Concannon, Ward 7; James J. Deady, Ward 7; Henry C. Durant, Ward 7; Thomas C. Foley, Ward 7; Edward MacSorley, Ward 7; Arthur H. McArdle, Ward 7; John J. Nagle, Ward 7; J. Elmer Pyne, Ward 7; James Griffith, Ward 8; James C. O'Reilly, Ward 8; William Butler, Ward 9; George Goodman, Ward 9; William H. L. Howard, Ward 9; Herbert E. McKeon, Ward 9; Daniel W. Mills, Jr., Ward 9; William D. Ryder, Ward 9; Lewis Stickney, Ward 9; Joseph Worrell, Ward 9.

Richard J. Buckley, Jr., Ward 10; George J. Campbell, Jr., Ward 10; Joseph F. Connell, Ward 10; George F. Malone, Ward 10; Henry E. McNamara, Ward 10; Joseph Robinson, Jr., Ward 10; George H. Caddle, Ward 11; Frank E. Cahill, Ward 11; William T. Gallagher, Ward 11; Frederick J. O'Brien, Ward 11; George W. Patriquin, Ward 11; Charles A. Reilly, Ward 11; William E. McMann, Jr., Ward 12; Albert M. Wistreich, Ward 12; George E. Davis, Ward 13; John E. Fahey, Ward 13; James M. Flynn, Ward 13; Jacob Freedman, Ward 13; Norman L. Hartnett, Ward 13; Michael Joyce, Ward 13; William McCarthy, Ward 13; Hilary O. McMahon, Ward 13; Frank J. Nugent, Ward 13; Benjamin A. Raczek, Ward 13; Joseph Adler, Ward 14; Sidney D. Akell, Ward 14; Clifford J. Austin, Ward 14; David Bookstein, Ward 14; Jacob Cutler, Ward 14; David L. Epstein, Ward 14; Alvah L. Field, Ward 14; William Greenside, Ward 14; George Hershenson, Ward 14; Timothy C. Latson, Ward 14; Elliott A. Levine, Ward 14; Irving Manekofsky, Ward 14; Benjamin B. Miller, Ward 14; Israel Rosenberg, Ward 14; Irving Schneider, Ward 14; Ralph Sheingold, Ward 14; Harold Silverstein, Ward 14; Samuel B. Zigman, Ward 14; Raymond G. Chisholm, Ward 15; Harold J. Dineen, Ward 15; William Dwyer, Jr., Ward 15; Edward D. Keane, Ward 15; Jerome P. Coakley, Ward 16; John E. Doherty, Ward 16; Albert S. Francis, Ward 16; Frederic B. Leahy, Ward 16; Edgar H. Needham, Jr., Ward 16; William J. Boyle, Ward 17; Harry S. Cornish, Ward 17; John B. Gray, Ward 17; Robert E. Hannan, Ward 17; William A. McNamara, Ward 17; George E. O'Brien, Ward 17; Vincent Piscopo, Ward 17; Benjamin Small, Ward 17; Charles L. Supovitz, Ward 17.

Reuben E. Cahn, Ward 18; Thomas Connors, Ward 18; Charles A. DeStefano, Ward 18; Walter J. Dwyer, Ward 18; Harold G. Edwards, Ward 18; Joseph H. Fink, Ward 18; Martin H. Hathaway, Ward 18; Frederick W. Johnson, Ward 18; Austin B. Kearney, Ward 18; Joseph S. King, Ward 18; Patrick H. Laughlin, Ward 18; Gordon J. Lee, Ward 18; Murdock Neil MacLean, Ward 18; Alfred C. Maynard, Ward 18; George P. McCarthy, Ward 18; Robert T. O'Brien, Ward 18; James A. Perry, Ward 18; Joseph Sikora, Ward 18; Max F. Vogelsang, Ward 18; Samuel Wolpe, Ward 18; Bartholomew Collins, Ward 19; Harold P. Dakin, Ward 19; Michael J. Darey, Ward 19; John L. Haggerty, Ward 19; Henry F. Hale, Ward 19; Walter M. Hamilton, Ward 19; Thomas E. Ryan, Ward 19; James W. Sanderson, Ward 19; Richard F. Warren, Ward 19; Frederick Zahn, Ward 19; Gordon H. Burk, Ward 20; Richard E. Chapman, Ward 20; Percy W. Goodwin, Ward 20; William Gottwald, Ward 20; Gilbert E. McClellan, Ward 20; John F. McDermott, Ward 20; William J. Mitchell, Ward 20; James E. O'Connell, Ward 20; Paul J. Philpot, Ward 20; Jacob Schneider, Ward 20; Hugh P. Smith, Ward 20; John W. Spence, Ward 20; John H. M. Thalin, Ward 20; John S. Vanbael, Ward 20; Harry Alpert, Ward 21; George A. Driscoll, Ward 21; Clifton P. Edwards, Ward 21; Arthur J. Foye, Ward 21; Robert Gordon, Ward 21; Charles F. Kelliher, Ward 21; Henry Lefevre, Ward 21; George R. Robbins, Ward 21; Charles P. Sylvester, Ward 21; Cormac Callaghan, Ward

22; Henry H. Carroll, Ward 22; Charles H. Horton, Ward 22; Philip J. LaFauci, Ward 22; William McDaid, Ward 22; Frank X. O'Regan, Ward 22; Frank L. Redenback, Ward 22; Carl A. Wernborg, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Weigher of coal, for term ending April 30, 1951: Carleton M. Cobb, Jr., 30 Marathon street, Arlington, Mass.

Weigher of goods, for term ending April 30, 1951: John Williamson, 50 Wayland street, Brockton, Mass.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

MODERN FIELD HOUSE, BARRY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the inclusion in the Park Department budget for 1951 a sum sufficient for the construction of a modern field house in Barry Playground, Medford and Chelsea streets, Charlestown, Ward 2.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 29, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order requesting that it be included in the Park Department budget for 1951, a sum sufficient for the construction of a modern field house in the Barry Playground, Medford and Chelsea streets, Charlestown.

This department has done considerable work on the Barry Playground this year in excavating, grading and seeding this area, and we hope that it will be possible for us to place in next year's budget (if the city's finances permit) sufficient funds for the construction of a modern field house.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SAFETY PATROLS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the assistant secretary of the School Committee relative to your order of September 11, 1950, concerning the organizing of safety patrols in all of the elementary schools in the city.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
School Committee, November 27, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith report of the Board of Superintendents to the superintendent, in triplicate, on the order of the City Council, September 11, 1950, relative to organizing safety patrols in all of the elementrary schools in the city as there are not enough police officers in any one station to cover all crosswalks while children are going to and coming from schools, which was duly presented to the School Committee in conference on November 21, 1950, and approved for transmission to the City Council.

Very truly yours,
Agnes E. Reynolds,
Assistant Secretary.

City of Boston,
School Committee, November 8, 1950.

To the Superintendent:

The Board of Superintendents respectfully reports as follows on City Council order of September 13, 1950, requesting the establishment of an organization of safety patrols in all of the elementary schools in the city as there are not enough police officers in any one station to cover all crosswalks while children are going to and coming from school:

1. Safety patrols have been in operation for more than twenty years in the elementary schools.
2. Superintendent's circulars entitled "School Safety Patrols" are issued annually.
3. A pamphlet entitled "Suggestions for School Safety Patrols" now being revised, has been forwarded to all schools.
4. All schools report annually on blanks calling for a list of Safety Counselors, Fire Counselors, Safety Patrol Supervisors, and Qualified First Aiders.

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes E. Reynolds,
Assistant Secretary.

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CHECKS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary of the Overseers of the Public Welfare relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the reason why checks were not forwarded to Old Age recipients last week.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
November 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The Overseers of the City of Boston have received notification of the following order of the City Council, which was passed November 20, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Old Age Assistance Division be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to look into the reason why checks were not forwarded to Old Age recipients last week. This order is put in mainly to prevent recurrence of this condition."

We have looked into the matter very thoroughly and the checks due and payable on November 15, 1950, were delivered to the South Station Annex of the Post Office, which handles them regularly, at 12.30 noon on November 14, 1950.

Undoubtedly, the delay in the receipt of the checks is due to the new post office regulation limiting mail deliveries in residential sections to one a day.

Sincerely yours,
William G. O'Hare, Secretary.

Placed on file.

FIVE-CENT FARE FOR CHILDREN DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the possibility of extending to children of school age a five-cent fare privilege during the Christmas vacation.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority.
November 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

The Board of Trustees have considered the request with regard to the Christmas-week fare for school children.

This has not been in effect since 1947 as conditions have been entirely different than they were at that time.

The Board does not have, on its own initiative, the authority under the law, as the fare schedule approved by the Department of Public Utilities does not include this privilege. The Board has, however, done much by keeping the five-cent fare for school children throughout the year, which is less than one half of the average fare, and also by extending it to children under 14 years of age during the long summer vacation months, both of which do create substantial financial burden in the operating results.

Under the circumstances the Board does not feel justified in any further action.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

CLOSING OF BEALE STREET ENTRANCE TO ASHMONT STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the requesting of a conference with a view to prevent the closing of the Beale Street entrance to the Ashmont Station.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority.
November 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In reply to order of November 20, the trustees at their meeting today considered the matter of closing of certain entrances for certain periods, and directed me to reply that it is the practice on Sundays and during certain hours of the day not to increase operating expenses by keeping entrances open when the traffic is exceedingly light. If this practice were not followed, very substantial sums of money would have to be included in cost of operation.

In this particular case counts have been carefully taken and the entrance kept open at such times as the counts disclosed it was necessary. When, at no time in the counts taken, more than 18 passengers enter a station in four hours, it is evidence of the need for not increasing operating costs.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

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RECENT CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Boston Retirement Board relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the Retirement Board studying the recent changes made in the Social Security Law.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Boston Retirement Board,
December 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the City Council order of October 23, 1950, which is as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be directed to instruct the members of the Boston Retirement Board to study the recent changes made in the Social Security Law for the purpose of including in the coverage of that law those employees of the City of Boston who, because they were over the age limit set by the Boston Retirement System at the time of their employment cannot join the retirement system, and are therefore left without any retirement benefits."

I submit the attached for their perusal.

Very truly yours,
W. D. KENNEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

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November 3, 1950.

Miss Angela C. O'Brien, Manager, Field Office, Social Security Administration, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass.
Dear Miss O'Brien:

Chapter 32 of the General Laws is a general pension law in effect throughout the state and also the City of Boston. Sections 1 to 28 is a contributory system with survivorship benefits in effect in Boston and in most of the cities and towns in Massachusetts. An employee of any of these governmental units is not eligible for membership if his employment begins after he is fifty-five years of age.

Is an employee who is not eligible to membership in this system because of age entitled to Social Security benefits under any conditions?

Do any of the recent changes permit of any plan whereby these people can be covered?

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM D. KENNEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

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Federal Security Agency,
Social Security Administration,
November 28, 1950.

Mr. William D. Kenney, Secretary and Executive Officer, Boston Retirement Board, Room 65, City Hall.
Dear Mr. Kenney:

This is in reply to your inquiry of November 3, 1950. Public Law 734, Social Security Act Amendments of 1950, provides as follows:

"No agreement with any State may be made applicable (either in the original agreement or by any modification thereof) to any service performed by employees as members of any coverage group in positions covered by a retirement system on the date such agreement is made applicable to such coverage group."

This has been interpreted to mean that if the position is eligible for coverage in an existing retirement system, but the encumbent of the position has not elected to be covered, the encumbent therefore, is mandatorily exempt from coverage under Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

Therefore, the position is the controlling factor and not the individual who is either presently occupying the position or who may occupy the position at a later date. This would seem to be true even though the employee was not eligible for membership in the system by reason of his age. This employee could, of course, be entitled to social security benefits if he established a wage record in covered employment as an employee. Also after 1950 he could establish a wage record as a self-employed person and thus become eligible for benefits.

Sincerely yours,
ANGELA C. O'BRIEN,
Manager.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, FIRE STATION, CENTRE STREET, ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the installation of traffic lights in front of Engine Company 14, Rescue 3, Centre street, Roxbury.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
November 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Council order dated November 13, requesting the installation of traffic lights in front of Engine Company 14, Rescue 3, Centre street, Roxbury, our engineers have viewed this location and report that a traffic signal installation at this point would require also the signalization of the entire intersection of Centre street and Highland avenue, in addition to the firehouse, in order to be effective.

The problem at this firehouse is similar to that which exists at all other fire stations of the city which were built years ago and is met in most cases in the evening hours by the installation of a floodlight which is operated when the firehouse doors are open. During the daytime a member of the company usually goes to the street and stops traffic while the apparatus comes out of the firehouse.

To signalize each of the firehouses of the city would require a special appropriation of at least $175,000. To select one or two fire stations for a traffic light installation each year would be found difficult as several fire stations are of equal merit in considering the need for such installations and diversion of the appropriation for traffic lights to the fire station locations would eliminate the possibility of installing traffic lights at various dangerous major intersections which are still in need of signal installations.

Fire apparatus, at least by the use of sirens and bells, can command attention so that the Fire Department is not entirely without means of meeting this problem even though the means is inadequate and unsatisfactory in many cases.

The question, therefore, resolves itself to one of priority of needs and in that view we are of the opinion that the present appropriation is being best administered in the public interest by the placement of signal lights in locations where the greatest hazards exist. These hazards are determined by actual accident records, traffic volume counts, and known danger points. There are hundreds of such areas and by establishing a graduated list of such locations the appropriation for traffic lights has been immediately exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAINTING OF CROSSWALKS, CODMAN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the painting of crosswalks on Washington street in the business section of Codman square, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 17, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order dated November 13, 1950, requesting this commission to paint crosswalks on Washington street in the business section of Codman square in Ward 17, I wish to report that the labor force of painters hired annually from May until November has completed its term and their services are no longer available to us.

Under normal circumstances at this time of the year weather conditions prevent satisfactory roadway painting work so that during the winter months we are able to do only emergency work of this nature.

If we are able to devise some way of doing what may be considered extra hazardous locations in Codman square we shall be able to conform to this Council order. However, we shall not be able to paint a large number of crosswalks with our present force.

We have painted the crosswalks on Washington street as part of our regular program this year and shall do so again next year, but shall try to arrange next year so that if repainting is necessary it will be accomplished before the term of the painters has expired.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT SANFORD AND OLD MORTON STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs at Sanford and Old Morton streets, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
November 27, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated November 20, 1950, Requesting That "Stop" Signs Be Placed at Sanford and Old Morton Streets, Ward 17.

Dear Sir:

As result of petitions received from residents of this area, conditions in Old Morton street and Sanford street have been under objective study by this office for some time.

These studies revealed that extraordinary traffic conditions obtain in both streets due to the fact that water main construction by the M.D.C. in Morton street has caused may vehicles ordinarily using Morton street to detour via Old Morton and Sanford streets.

It is the intention of this commission to adopt a traffic regulation making Old Morton street one way from River street to Morton street. It is felt that the operation of this rule will go a long way toward remedying the conditions which have annoyed the residents of this area.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Arthur Reilly. Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CURBSTONES AND SIDEWALKS, EAST FOURTH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of October 23, 1950, concerning the resetting of the curbstones and levelling the sidewalks in the vicinity of 898 East Fourth street to the corner of P street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reset the curbstones and level the sidewalks in the vicinity of 898 East Fourth street to the corner of P street, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this work was completed on November 16, 1950.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON EAST FIRST STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on the north side of East First street, South Boston, from K street to Summer street.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install cement sidewalks on the north side of East First street, South Boston, from K street to Summer street, and this will advise you that, as it is now too late in the season to advertise for bids on sidewalk work, this street will be put on the list to be given consideration for the installation of cement sidewalks during the coming year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON H STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the installation of granolithic sidewalks on H street, Ward 7.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 29, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Department install granolithic sidewalks on H street, Ward 7, and this will advise you that it is now too late in the season to advertise for bids for this work, but will be placed on the list of installation of granolithic sidewalks to be given consideration during the coming year.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SALE OF SURPLUS PIGS, DEER ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting authority to sell one hurdred pigs at a price of approximately two thousand (2,000) dollars.

I am in favor of the sale of these surplus pigs to the highest bidder, and respectfully request approval of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Penal Institutions Department,
November 29, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

We have a surplus of one hundred (100) pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island, which we would like to sell. These pigs weigh about one hundred (100) pounds each, a total of ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

At the present market price this Department should receive approximately two thousand dollars ($2,000) from this sale. If approved, it is our intention to advertise this sale in the *City Record* and sell to the highest bidder, with a representative of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to supervise the weighing.

Authority by the City Council and your Honor's approval of this public sale is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,
Albert E. Desaulniers,
Deputy Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder one hundred (100) surplus pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PAYMENT OF SUM OF MONEY TO ARTHUR GENUALDO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I have today approved the order passed by your Honorable Body on November 13, 1950, accepting chapter 788 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to Arthur Genualdo."

As your Honorable Body knows, on October 5, 1923, Arthur Genualdo, than a nine-year-old boy, was playing on the sidewalk near the corner of Chelsea and Porter streets, East Boston, when a fire engine, in order to avoid striking a woman crossing the street, was driven up on the sidewalk hitting Arthur Genualdo a glancing blow.

The purpose of the above-mentioned act is to authorize the city to compensate Mr. Genualdo for the permanent injury to his leg resulting from the accident. A review of the case by the office of the Corporation Counsel has resulted in a recommendation that the compensation be fixed at five thousand dollars. Before such amount may be paid, however, the order transmitted herewith must be adopted by your Honorable Body specifically directing the payment.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of chapter 788 of the Acts of 1950 there be allowed and paid the sum of five thousand dollars to Arthur Genualdo in compensation for injuries sustained by him on October 5, 1923, due to operation of a certain piece of fire apparatus operated by the City of Boston, its agents or servants, said sum to be charged to the Special Appropriation, Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Auditing Department, Central Payroll Division, D, Supplies, $1,500, to the appropriation for Auditing Department, D, Supplies, $1,500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service, A, Personal Service, $1,200, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Automotive Division, C, Equipment, $1,200.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Fire Department, B, Contractual Services, $12,000, C, Equipment, $90,000; Assessing Department, A, Personal Service, $10,000; Budget Department, A, Personal Service, $3,000; Hospital Department, A, Personal Service, $85,000; Sanatorium Division, A, Personal Service, $7,000; Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital, B, Contractual Services, $15,000; Public Works Department, Bridge Service, A, Personal Service, $40,000; Public Works Department, Ferry Service, A, Personal Service, $15,000; Public Works Department, Sanitary Service, A, Personal Service, $25,000; Treasury Department, A, Personal Service, $3,000; to the appropriation for Fire Department, A, Personal Service, $305.000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

A. Byron Adams, *et al*, for compensation for damage to car and personal injuries caused by dump truck.

Emma C. Bogardus, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 7 Neponset avenue, caused by break in water main.

Mary N. Cahill, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 10 and 12 Downer court.

Karl Chaskes, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Phyllis Costa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Bennet Street Bathhouse.

Gertrude V. Cronan, for compensation for damage to property at 63 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, during sidewalk construction.

James P. Cunningham, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred after donating blood at City Hospital.

Joseph and Mildred Flaherty, for compensation for damage to property at 11 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, caused during sidewalk construction.

Harris Hinckley, for compensation for loss of suit at City Hospital.

Hub Restaurant Supply Company, for compensation for damage to property at 26½ North street, caused by leak in water main.

Mary Kelly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Common.

Warren A. Kibble, for compensation for damage to car by paint from railroad bridge, Boylston street.

Charles A. McCarthy, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat "McCormack."

McGarry's, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 1332 Washington street, caused by water from street.

Parker McKinnon, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Roger J. O'Connor, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Agnes C. Pauli, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eclo and Cambridge streets.

Lena Quandt, for compensation for damage to property at 1 Beech Glen street, caused by defective sewer.

Thomas F. Rabbitt, for compensation for damage to property at 67 Tacoma street, Hyde Park, during sidewalk construction.

Helen Robertson, to be reimbursed for plumbing repairs at 184 Spring street, West Roxbury, during installation of water meters.

Bernard L. Russo, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Plainfield street and Brookley road.

St. Matthew's Parish, for compensation for damage to property at 29 Stanton street, caused by overflow of sewage.

Allen G. Smith, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Walter H. Thornton, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Irene Zassman, for compensation for injuries, Washington street, Brighton.

Executive.

Petition of Richard H. Wanders, employed as correction officer in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, for retirement as a veteran under provisions of chapter 678, Acts of 1945.

HEARINGS BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held December 12, at 2.15 P.M., on petition of City of Boston for approval of proposed schedule of tolls, Sumner Tunnel.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works of hearing to be held on December 13, at 10 A.M., on petition of Service Bus Line, Inc., for operation of motor vehicles on Bennington street, between Revere city line and Saratoga street; in and about Breed square, at junction of Saratoga street and Bennington street, on Saratoga street between Thomas J. Giblin, Jr., square and Breed square (Bennington street).

Severally placed on file.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of his absence from the city on official business December 4, 5, and 6, inclusive.

Placed on file.

VOTE ON REFERENDA QUESTIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Board of Election Commissioners,
November 22, 1950.

Walter J. Malloy, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

We hereby certify that at the State Election held on November 7, 1950, the vote upon the following questions in this city was as follows:

Question No. 6. A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

Yes	198,547
No	53,600

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

Yes	159,751
No	47,795

Question No. 7. A. Shall licenses be granted in this city for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes	208,383
No	40,735

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

Yes	188,729
No	33,595

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Yes..... 193,192
No..... 31,431

Question No. 8. Shall a declaration be made by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city after December 31, 1950, and until the close of June 30, 1951, in accordance with the provisions of said Act?

Yes..... 185,007
No..... 41,168

Question No. 9. Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An Act providing for a five-day work week for police officers of the city of Boston" be accepted?

Yes..... 182,203
No..... 81,042

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH RUSSO,
EVERETT R. PROUT,
GERTRUDE A. PFAU,
J. JOSEPH CONNORS,
Board of Election Commissioners of Boston.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Thomas F. McDonough, member of City Planning Board, of interest in contract for plans and specifications of elementary school in Elihu Greenwood District, Hyde Park, for School Buildings Department.

Notice was received from Daniel M. Driscoll, Chairman of Board of Assessors, that he is President of Eighteen Oliver Street Company, Incorporated, which has signed a lease between said corporation and Public Buildings Department, effective November 1, 1950, for one year.

Severally placed on file.

LOUD SPEAKERS IN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT CLINICS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the trustees of the Boston City Hospital to immediately take steps to install loud speaking systems in all of the clinics of the Out-Patient Department in order that the people waiting there for treatment will be able to hear their name when it is called.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CITY EMPLOYEES' VACATIONS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to amend the now existing vacation periods granted to city employees so that a three-week annual vacation will be given to all employees with five to ten years service and a four-week annual vacation to all employees with more than ten years service.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED INCREASE OF $300 TO CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor immediately instruct all department heads when they are preparing their budgets to include in their A-1, money sufficient to pay an increase of $300 to all city employees effective January 1.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

IMMEDIATE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Traffic Commissioner to immediately construct traffic lights in the City of Boston without further delay since the money for this work has been appropriated for a long period of time and no traffic lights have been installed as yet. Any further delay on the installation of these lights will only mean additional serious injuries to pedestrians and drivers at the various locations.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMPLETION OF WORK ON COLUMBIA ROAD AND BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That through his Honor the Mayor the Public Works Commissioner request immediate completion of Columbia road and Blue Hill avenue, being done under chapter 90 by the State Public Works Department.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN. FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Coun. ANSEL and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council record themselves as against any financial or any other assistance being given to foreign countries now working in collusion against the best interests of the United States of America.

On motion of Councilor Hannon the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Buildings Superintendent be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place in his 1951 budget sufficient moneys to install new electric lights in the Election Department.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING FOR CITY BUILDINGS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, City Hospital Trustees, Institutions Commissioner, and Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase adequate emergency lighting for all city buildings as there were no emergency lights in the recent electric light failure in any firehouse in the city and possibly in other city buildings, whereas other buildings throughout the city are required by law to have them.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the maintenance and enlargement of said library, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Social Law Library.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

McBRIDE STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the feasibility of making McBride street, Ward 11, one way, for the purpose of protecting the lives and safety of people living in that vicinity.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESTRICTING PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF STREETS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the feasibility of instituting a system of restricting the parking of vehicles to one side of the street, in certain areas throughout the City of Boston, on certain days of each week as an important sanitary measure, sorely needed at the present time.

As is evident to all, proper street cleaning by our sanitary departement, is now hindered by the present system of parking vechicles on both sides of our streets in certain areas. If one side parking is effected, sanitation workers will be able to complete sweeping side of a street, returning the next day to clean the other side.

Tests conducted along these lines in New York City have been eminently successful, bringing the praise of civic-minded groups as well as the approval of the general public.

Under the system effected in New York and several other major cities, a special police force has enforced the new regulations concerned. All vehicles found parked in well-marked areas specified in this plan are towed to a public pound; subsequently vehicles are released only after payment of a fee which effectively discourages the violators of the new regulation.

It is about time that some drastic step be taken to correct the unsightly conditions of our streets which are daily bringing unfavorable criticism from our own citizens as well as visitors from outside.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FLUORIDATION TREATMENT OF BOSTON WATER.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to appoint a special committee to study the possible benefits of treating the Boston water supply with sodium fluoridation, the highly regarded process for reduction of tooth decay.

On the advice of competent and medical research authorities, many communities throughout the country have already availed themselves of this step in protecting the general health of their citizens, especially the children.

It is therefore advisable that the City of Boston avail itself of the fluoridation process, available at a negligible cost, if the results of a committee investigation verify the facts which have already come to public attention.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PUBLICIZING OF G. I. EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Veterans' Services be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to take necessary steps relative to the proper publicizing of the educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights still available to all our veterans. It is of great importance that all Boston veterans be advised that the educational benefits under the G. I. Bill will not be available after July 25, 1951, unless training or schooling begins before that date.

Over 60 per cent of our eligible veterans have not as yet availed themselves of this important part of their government benefits. Investigation has shown that many veterans do not realize that July 25, 1951, is the deadline for such benefits.

It is advisable that the Boston City Council take effective steps to assure our Boston veterans of this important information.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FREE UNIFORMS FOR MTA EMPLOYEES.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to supply free uniforms to uniformed employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

A competent survey has shown that the vast majority of such employees are supporters of large families, who have found it increasingly difficult to maintain economic stability in face of the spiraling cost of living. It is a well-known fact that the uniforms used by these employees are very costly, and must be replaced more often than ordinary uniforms, due to the particular duties of their work.

It is advisable that the Boston City Council favor this proposal as an important step in lessening this financial strain on these employees of the Transit Authority.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RELIEF OF ANDREW SQUARE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to temporarily relieve the traffic congestion at Andrew square by removing the rotary circle and installing traffic lights, or by using traffic policemen, whichever is deemed better.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the May, to confer with the State Public Works Commissioner with a view to having the state construct an overpass, underpass, or any other improvement at Andrew square, South Boston, which will eliminate the present traffic congestion at this point.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

RELIEF OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION, DORCHESTER STREET.

Coun. McCOLGAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove all heavy traffic from Dorchester street, Ward 7, there being five churches, a chapel, and three schools on this street, and a continuation of this heavy traffic will result in a serious hazard to the lives and safety of children and other pedestrians.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN V. WHITE.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desire to congratulate Stephen V. White on his twenty-fifth anniversary as coach of the football, baseball, and track teams at South Boston High School. His many years as athletic coach at this school have been a great inspiration to the youth who have received physical education under his guidance.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LOAN TO SPAIN.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Whereas, In making appropriations for the support of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and for other purposes, Congress voted to include a directive for a loan by the Government of the United States to the Government of Spain to assist the economic betterment of that country; and

Whereas, There is no valid reason for maintaining the arbitrary, discriminatory, and even punitive

policy which has marked our official relations with Spain, but, on the contrary, there are substantial and compelling reasons emphasized by the imminent peril of Communist aggression in Europe and elsewhere for assistance to a nation which has demonstrated its determination to resist and its power to defeat such aggression; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the conviction of this Body that the directive of Congress for a loan to Spain ought to be carried out by the President of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

KENMORE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. YERXA, LANE, and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian traffic lights at Kenmore square and to paint all the crosswalks at this location.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING AT BROADWAY AND DORCHESTER STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a smooth surface on the cobblestones at the junction of Broadway and Dorchester street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHTS ON WEST THIRD STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to install arc lights on West Third street, between B and D streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHT AT EAST FOURTH AND JAY STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of East Fourth and Jay streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT ON REPLACING GAS-LIT LAMPS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Council the proposed plan for 1951 with reference to replacement of gas-lit lamps with electric lamps, said report to be given not later than December 11, 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HOSPITAL AMBULANCE TO BE STATIONED IN BRIGHTON.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the 1951 budget money for the purchase of a hospital ambulance to be stationed in Brighton; also, that the Board of Trustees or Doctor Manary be requested to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council on Monday, December 11, at 3 P.M.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXPEDITE REPAIRS ON WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to look into the condition now existing on Washington street, from Codman square to Bowdoin street, Ward 17, namely, the washboard surface and loose manhole covers, and to immediately have this condition remedied by the contractor who did the work several months ago.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR UNION DUES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 740 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing Payroll Deductions on Account of Union Dues in the Case of Certain State, County or Municipal Employees," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

INVESTIGATION OF RECENT GARBAGE CONTRACT BY FINANCE COMMISSION.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Finance Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the recent garbage contract and the persons therein as to the legitimacy of their farming and piggery business.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

DEATH OF JOHN J. DONOVAN.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council in meeting assembled, hereby mourn the loss of the late beloved John J. Donovan, who during his lifetime gave of his energies and talent in the field of journalism, and was loved by all who knew him; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the late John J. Donovan.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

STATIONING OF FIRE APPARATUS ON PARKER HILL.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be instructed to station a piece of fire apparatus at Parker Hill in cases of emergency such as existed a few weeks ago when a major power breakdown occurred in the City of Boston. From this vantage point, firemen could observe most of the Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain areas in the event of fire or some other disaster.

During the recent power breakdown the Roxbury-Jamaica Plain areas were without any type of communication.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

City of Boston,
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Salaries of Officers Connected with the City Council.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section five of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as most recently amended by chapter six of the Ordinances of 1949, is hereby further amended by striking out in the clause determining the salaries of officers connected with the City Council the words "two stenographer-clerks, each thirty-six hundred dollars," and inserting in place thereof the words "two secretaries, each forty-five hundred dollars," and by striking out the words "two stenographer-clerks, each

thirty-three hundred dollars," and inserting in place thereof the words "two stenographer-clerks, each thirty-eight hundred dollars."

On motion of Councilor Hannon the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey the Council voted at 3.50 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman WENZLER at 4.51 P.M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Reuben Garfinkle (referred November 13) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of Institutions Department—recommending passage of accompanying order.

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred four dollars and eighty-four cents ($204.84) be allowed and paid to Reuben Garfinkle in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Institutions Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Morris Goldstein (referred October 30) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be allowed and paid to Morris Goldstein in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Report on petition of Neil P. Coyle (referred November 13,) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of Sanitary Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be allowed and paid to Neil P. Coyle in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 13) for appropriation of $11,000 from Special Account, Sales of City Property, for purchase for playground purposes of land bounded by Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and Weld street—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—20.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for fourteen days for final action.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for payment of sum of money to Arthur Genualdo—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

3. Report on petition of Richard H. Wanders (referred today) employed as correction officer in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, for retirement—recommending passage of the following order:

Whereas, Richard H. Wanders, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk as correction officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and

Whereas, The said Richard H. Wanders has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical board; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years; that he is incapacitated for active service; and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed one thousand dollars; it is hereby

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, Richard H. Wanders, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk as correction officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of nineteen hundred and ninety-five dollars, being fifty-seven per cent of his highest regular rate of compensation.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Penal Institutions Commissioner be authorized to sell to highest bidder one hundred surplus pigs at House of Correction, Deer Island — that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

5. Report on petition of Mary G. Kelly (referred October 23) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Thomas H. Kelly, late member of Fire Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89a of chapter 32 of the General Laws an annuity of fifteen hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Mary G. Kelly, widow of Thomas H. Kelly, a member of the Fire Department who died on October 6, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

6. Report on petition of Julia T. McLaughlin (referred January 26, 1948) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Bernard P. McLaughlin, late member of Fire Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws an annuity of eighteen hundred and twelve dollars be allowed and paid to Julia T. McLaughlin, widow of Bernard P. McLaughlin, a member of the Fire Department, who died on April 6, 1939, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Julia T. McLaughlin so long as she remains unmarried, $1,500 per annum.

For the following-named child during such time as he is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $312 per annum.

Bernard McLaughlin, born August 12, 1933, provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for said child shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

FENCING OF PARK AT GALLIVAN BOULEVARD AND WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in his budget sufficient money to put up a

fence enclosing the entire park on the corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Washington street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FIRE PROTECTION OF ADJOINING CITIES AND TOWNS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner and Chief of the Department be invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee in order that we may be able to ascertain the cost to the City of Boston for protecting adjoining cities and towns in the event of a conflagration.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Concerning Salaries of Officers Connected with the City Council.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section five of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 as most recently amended by chapter six of the Ordinances of 1949 is hereby further amended by striking out in the clause determining the salaries of officers connected with the City Council the words "the First Assistant City Messenger, $4,600," and inserting in place thereof the words "the first Assistant City Messenger, $5,100," and by striking out the words "Assistant Document Man, $3,300," and inserting in place thereof the words "Assistant Document Man, $3,800."

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Lawrence Wolk be requested to appear before the Executive Committee on Monday, December 11, 1950, at 3.30 P.M., relative to answering statements made by Mr. Wolk at a mass meeting held in the Jeremiah Burke High School at Grove Hall on Tuesday evening, November 21, when he said he had been authorized to speak for the Mayor in the effort to eliminate friction between "the Irish and Jewish elements in the communities," and that "no other city in the country, other than Boston, has the unique distinction of a problem of the Irish against the Jew," which appeared in the Boston *Herald* on Wednesday, November 22, 1950.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 5.05 P.M., on motion of Councilor Ansel, to meet on Monday, December 11, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 11, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., Senior Member Wenzler in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey, Hurley, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDINANCES INCREASING SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, without my signature and disapproved, two ordinances adopted by your Honorable Body at your meeting of December 4, 1950, concerning salaries of officers connected with the City Council.

At the present time it is impossible to forecast the full extent of financial problems which will confront the city in 1951. We know now that they will be of alarming proportions and we know that there is a prospect of increased costs for municipal services because of conditions beyond our control. Therefore, until the city's financial picture is much clearer than it is at this moment, all requests for salary increases, general in nature, will be held in abeyance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Placed on file.

MAGNOLIA AND ALEXANDER STREETS AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning the advisability of making Magnolia street and Alexander street in Ward 13 one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 5, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated November 13, 1950, Requesting Consideration of the Advisability of Making Magnolia Street and Alexander Street in Ward 13 One Way.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on November 30, 1950, it was voted to make the following streets one way in the direction indicated:

Alexander street, Dorchester, from Bird street to Dudley street.

Ceylon street, Dorchester, from Quincy street to Columbia road.

Magnolia street, Dorchester, from Dudley street to Bird street.

These rules will become effective in the very near future, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN CENTRAL SQUARE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the erection of a Christmas tree in Central Square Park in East Boston.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 1, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order of Councilor Coffey, requesting the erection of a Christmas tree in Central Square Park in East Boston.

I am pleased to report that I have made arrangements for a tree to be erected in Central Square Park, East Boston.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FENCE ENCLOSING PARK AT GALLIVAN BOULEVARD AND WASHINGTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the inclusion in his budget of sufficient money to put up a fence enclosing the entire park on the corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Washington street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order of December 4, introduced by Councilor Farin, requesting us to include in the budget sufficient money to put up a fence enclosing the entire park on the corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Washington street.

We will be glad to place this matter under consideration when preparing our budget for next year.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS BY ELECTRICITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the reporting to the Council of the proposed plan for 1951 with reference to replacement of gas-lit lamps with electric lamps, said report to be given not later than December 11, 1950.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 8, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of December 4:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

report to the Council the proposed plan for 1951 with reference to replacement of gas-lit lamps with electric lamps, said report to be given not later than December 11, 1950."

By December 31 of the current year, we shall have removed approximately 1,500 gas lamps from the streets of this city and replaced them with electric street lights. This is the largest program of gas lamp replacements undertaken in any one-year period in the history of the department. The previous high was in the vicinity of 950 lamps.

It is our intention to continue with this program for the year 1951, unless we are prevented from so doing due to restrictions on materials and parts that might be invoked by the Federal Government in connection with the defense program.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the placing in the 1951 budget of sufficient moneys to install new electric lights in the Election Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
December 8, 1950.

Thomas J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In reference to attached correspondence regarding City Council order of December 4, 1950, concerning installation of new electric lights in the Election Department. This department will make adequate provisions for the above in next year's budget. It will be necessary for us to request the Edison Electric Company to bring alternating current lines into the building before we can start to do the work. After this is accomplished, we will commence to install the new electric lights at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING FOR ALL CITY BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the purchase of adequate emergency lighting for all city buildings.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
December 8, 1950.

Thomas J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Relative to recent City Council order of December 4, 1950, requesting the purchase of adequate emergency lighting for all city buildings.

All the buildings which are under the care and custody of this department are now covered by emergency lighting.

Very truly,
GEORGE P. DONOVAN, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

RELEASE BY CITY OF INTEREST IN LAND IN WOBURN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a petition brought by William A. Waldron, attorney for General Motors Corporation, requesting the passage of an order whereby the City of Boston may release to the corporation all its right, title, and interest acquired by the city under an eminent domain taking dated July 31, 1877, of certain interests in land in the City of Woburn in connection with the construction of the Mystic Valley Sewer System.

On November 24, 1950, the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston voted to discontinue said order of taking.

The petition filed in behalf of the General Motors Corporation is self-explanatory. I transmit herewith an order whereby the interest of the City of Boston in this parcel of land may be released and recommend its adoption by your Honorable Body.

Yours very truly,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Choate, Hall & Stewart,
30 State Street, Boston, Mass.,
October 16, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mayor Hynes:

Over seventy years ago, we believe, the City of Boston released to certain landowners in Woburn the right it had previously acquired to lay a branch sewer line on their property as part of the Mystic Valley Sewer System. The owners, however, failed to record the release — and at the time Boston was under no duty to do so. So today on the record Boston still has this right.

Our client, the present owner, has contracted to sell the property and is therefore anxious to clear the record. Accordingly, as is explained in detail in the attached memorandum, we respectfully request that Boston grant a second release of its interest in the property.

Because of uncertainty as to the precise nature of that interest, we have, at the suggestion of William A. McDermott, Esq., of the Boston Law Department, also requested the Board of Street Commissioners to issue an order of discontinuance; and today we have learned that such action by the Board can be expected shortly.

We shall appreciate your consideration of this matter and reference of it to the City Council. We stand ready to supply any additional information and answer any questions we can.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM A. WALDRON.

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Memorandum.

This is a request that the City of Boston (hereinafter referred to as Boston) and its Board of Street Commissioners release and discontinue, respectively, all right, title, and interest which it may have in a certain parcel of land (hereinafter referred to as the Locus), formerly of Lewis Shaw and Henry Taylor, in the City of Woburn (hereinafter referred to as Woburn), Middlesex County, by virtue of a taking Boston made July 31, 1877 (hereinafter referred to as the 1877 Taking; Middlesex South Registry District Deeds, Execution Book 27, page 491)*, for the construction of the Mystic Valley Sewer System (hereinafter referred to as the System) and the branches thereof.

This request is made for the purpose of removing a cloud on the present owner's title to the Locus so that the same may be sold. The present owner, General Motors Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan, is represented by the undersigned.

The cloud involves the right to construct a branch sewer line on the Locus—a branch which, so far as we can determine, was never laid and never existed except on the plans of the System. The cloud arose because of a discrepancy between the branch's description in the 1877 Taking and the branch's description in a January 1, 1898, taking by the Commonwealth (hereinafter referred

* The 1877 taking was made pursuant to Acts 1875, c. 202, as amended by Acts 1877, c. 11.

to as the 1898 Taking,† Record Book 2635, page 1‡) made to confirm Boston's transfer of the System to the Commonwealth in 1893 (Book 2242, page 5).

This discrepancy is shown on Exhibit A attached hereto. Exhibit A is a certified photostatic enlargement of a part of Exhibit B, which in turn is a certified photostatic copy of the plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Water Works, Mystic Valley Sewer Land Plans," by Desmond Fitzgerald, Engineer, dated December 31, 1897, and recorded with the 1898 Taking (Book of Plans 301, Plan 16). In the 1877 Taking the branch was described by metes and bounds as the area which appears on Exhibit A as that on the Shaw and Taylor parcel enclosed by broken lines and marked "Released." In the 1898 Taking, on the other hand, the branch was described as the area enclosed by solid lines on Exhibit A.

In 1921 the Commonwealth conveyed its interest in the Locus to Woburn (Book 4485, page 58); and on May 9, 1949, Woburn conveyed its interest to the present owner's immediate predecessor in title (Book 7435, page 21). Today, therefore, the right to construct the branch has, except for the cloud, ceased to exist.

The following appears to be the reason for the discrepancy:

Soon after the 1877 Taking the Boston Water Board was authorized by an ordinance of February 6, 1879, to arrange relocations of various branch sewer lines of the System (City Council, Printed Minutes, pages 52, 82). Such a relocation was accordingly planned for the branch on the Locus, the area of the 1877 Taking not required for the relocation being released by Boston and the new area needed for the relocation being taken instead. Thus, as a consequence of the exchange, Boston's interest became that described in the 1898 Taking and shown within the solid lines on Exhibit A, and most of what had initially been taken in 1877 (shown within the broken lines on Exhibit A and marked "Released") was returned to the owners. But, unlike some of their neighbors affected by similar exchanges (Book 1519, page 74; Book 1533, page 185; Book 1538, page 470; Book 1539, pages 361, 362, 364; Book 1547, page 436), the then owners of the Locus failed to record their release from Boston; and Boston in turn—as indeed at the time it was under no obligation to do—failed to record its new taking. So no positive proof of the exchange can be found at the Registry, and the discontinuance and release here requested are required to remove the resulting cloud.

In May, 1949, we made an unsuccessful attempt to find proof of the exchange in the records of the Boston Water Board. At that time Daniel M. Sullivan, Division Engineer, Water Division, Boston Department of Public Works, had an unavailing search made of the files of his division. He also advised us that practically all the old records of the Water Board had been destroyed in the early 1930's when a fire swept the warehouse at 710 Albany street where they had been stored. In addition we were informed by John J. Tobin, Esq., now of the Land Court and formerly of the Boston Law Department, that if such records existed, only the Water Division would have them.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that neither Boston nor its Board of Street Commissioners has any practical interest in the Locus, that only an appropriate release from Boston and order of discontinuance from the Board will remove the cloud, and that the same may and should be given, as here requested.

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is the description by metes and bounds of the area which was included in the 1877 Taking and which should be covered by the requested release and order of discontinuance.

Choate, Hall & Stewart,
30 State Street, Boston.

September 28, 1950.

(Attached were Exhibits A, B, and C.)

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Whereas, The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston by an order made July 31, 1877, made a taking by eminent domain for the Mystic Valley Sewer System in the lands in the City of Woburn, Middlesex County, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, The rights of the City of Boston acquired under said taking were never exercised; and

Whereas, By an order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston passed November 24, 1950, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Boston November 27, 1950, it was voted to discontinue all right, title, and interest of the City of Boston in and to a certain parcel of land situated in the City of Woburn, County of Middlesex, acquired by virtue of a taking by the City of Boston on July 31, 1877, for the construction of the Mystic Valley Sewer System; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the City of Boston, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations to it paid, does hereby release to General Motors Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan, its successors and assigns, all of the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to a certain parcel of land situated in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and bounded by a line beginning at a point 8.25 feet north of a branch sewer line from the Mystic Valley Sewer line in the easterly line of the location of the Woburn Branch Railroad; thence north 89° 27′ east parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by land formerly of Lewis Shaw and Henry Taylor, about 250.4 feet; thence southeasterly on a curve parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by the said Shaw and Taylor land, 56.6 feet; thence south 13° 43′ east parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by the said Shaw and Taylor land, about 100 feet; thence south 76° 17′ west by the said Shaw and Taylor land across the said branch sewer line, about 16.5 feet; thence north 13° 43′ west parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by the said Shaw and Taylor land, about 100 feet; thence northwesterly on a curve parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by the said Shaw and Taylor land, about 34 feet; thence south 89° 27″ west parallel with and 8.25 feet from the said branch sewer line by the said Shaw and Taylor land, about 247.8 feet to the said easterly line of the location of the said Woburn Branch Railroad; thence north 9° 33′ west on the said easterly line of the location of the said Woburn Branch Railroad across the said branch sewer line, about 16.8 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 6,507 square feet; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to said General Motors Corporation an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston whereby the City of Boston may release all its right, title, and interest in and to the above-described parcel of land.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

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† The 1898 Taking was pursuant to Acts 1895, c. 488.

‡ This and all subsequent such references are to Middlesex South Registry District Deeds.

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM AND FURTHER OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Pending before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives are two petitions for legislation to enable the city to borrow money for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a municipally-owned auditorium and for the further establishment of off-street parking facilities.

Under joint rule 7B the preliminary approval of the Mayor and City Council is required before the petitions can be released to the appropriate committees.

As the legislation contemplated in these two petitions was at my suggestion, I respectfully request the adoption by your Honorable Body of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Resolved, That the petition of Mayor John B. Hynes for legislation providing for the construction, operation, and maintenance in the City of Boston of a municipally-owned auditorium and

authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside the debt limit therefor, be and hereby is, approved.

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Resolved, That the petition of Mayor John B. Hynes for legislation providing further for the establishment of off-street parking facilities in the City of Boston and authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside of the debt limit therefor be, and hereby is, approved.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 11, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the Appropriation for Boston City Hospital, B, Contractual Services, $7,000, to the Appropriation for Boston City Hospital, Installations, Alterations and Repairs, $7,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F, Special Items, $150,000, to the appropriation for Department of Veterans' Services, F, Special Items, $150,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, 18,000, to the appropriation for Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, $8,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, $25,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Workmen's Compensation, $25,000.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Caroline W. Black, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Minnie L. Brinson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 242 Savin Hill avenue.

George W. Brooks, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Deer Island.

Winifred Broos, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Boylston and Berkeley streets.

Grace D'Amore, for compensation for damage to radio by city truck.

Anne Donahue, for compensation for damage to property at 1 Grant court caused by city vehicle.

Jacob Fish (doing business as Lincoln Shoe Store), for compensation for damage to property at 337 West Broadway, caused by break in water pipe.

William Fritz, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Katherine M. Heggie, for compensation for damage to property at 1051 Centre street, Jamaica Plain, caused by overflow of sewers.

Carl Hesselwchweidt, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Cornwall street, caused by water being turned on without notice.

Maurice Hofstein (doing business as Maury-Artie Shoes), to be reimbursed as result of forged check of City of Boston Public Welfare Department.

H. P. Hood & Sons, Inc., for compensation for damage to sign by city truck.

Kenneth Bryant Lewis, for compensation for injuries and damage to motorcycle by Park Department truck.

Mrs. Adam Livingstone, for compensation for damage to boiler at 5 Vinton street, South Boston, caused by repairing of hydrant by Public Works Department.

Modern Age, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 40 Canal street, caused by bursting water main.

Adelbert Nickerson, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Bower street near Humboldt avenue.

Sarah Pitcher, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 94 Hutchings street, Roxbury.

Rapid Realty Company, for compensation for damage to property at 32 to 46 Canal street, caused by defect in water main.

Patrick J. Thompson, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Paisley park, caused by break in water main.

Mary C. Wallace, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Common.

Eleanor E. Bessin, for compensation for injuries caused by falling glass from Dorchester High School for Girls.

Robert E. Emerson, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

Robert M. Doheny, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

William P. McDermott, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Paving Division.

Francis J. Shea, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sanitary Division.

Harry Sheehan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sanitary Division.

Executive.

Petition of Mrs. Patrick McManus to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Patrick McManus, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Mary C. Mulvey to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Thomas H. Mulvey, late member of Police Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for license to operate motor vehicles in East Boston streets to Orient Heights M.T.A. Station.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held December 18 at 10 A.M., on petition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for authority to continue in effect, on a permanent basis, beyond January 15, 1951, the increased rates and charges for passenger service on its lines operating "via Atlantic," which rates became effective on January 15, 1950.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Notices were received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures of the following appointments of Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures, effective December 6, at an annual salary of $2,800:

John J. Lownie, 89 Park Drive, Ward 5; Edward J. McManus, Jr., 34 Brookdale street, Ward 19; Anthony J. Sinkiewicz, 284 West Fifth street, Ward 6.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL PATROLMEN.

Notice was received from the Police Commissioner that in conformity with provisions of chapter 291, section 13, Acts of 1906, as amended, with concurrent action of the Mayor and the Police Commissioner, the quota of 2,211 patrolmen, established November 29, 1946, has been increased by 290 additional patrolmen.

Placed on file.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE-WAY STREETS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor and the Traffic Commissioner consider the advisability of holding public hearings before establishing one-way streets.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

LAND TAKINGS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to invite the members of the Boston City Council to a hearing which shall be held before any lands are taken for such purposes as off-street parking.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED HOUSING AT CALF PASTURE SITE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the members of the Boston Housing Authority to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council at its next meeting to give a report relative to the status of the proposed housing on Calf Pasture in Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING CITY COUNCIL.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the City Council appoint an attaché of the Council who shall serve as liaison officer between the Council and the Legislature and keep councilors informed weekly as to pending hearings on various bills which will affect the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

WAR MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED VETERANS OF KOREAN WAR.

Coun. F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make plans for the erection of a suitable war memorial for the deceased veterans of the Korean War.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. KINSELLA, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (referred today) for license to operate motor vehicles in East Boston streets to Orient Heights M. T. A. Station—recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

CLASSIFICATION OF CITY HOSPITAL KITCHEN EMPLOYEES.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston City Hospital Board of Trustees to conduct a survey for the purpose of classifying City Hospital kitchen employees who are underpaid and are working under difficult financial circumstances. The present working scale has broken morale, and it is imperative that a wage scale consistent with the cost of living be considered in the preparation of the 1951 budget for kitchen employees.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASED NURSING STAFF AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston City Hospital Board of Trustees to make a survey for the purpose of increasing the nursing staff in the Surgical and Dowling Building wards. The present staff is seriously undermanned, and the morale of the nurses has declined because of that.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Resolved, That, in meeting assembled, the Boston City Council request the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt that portion of the Federal Social Security Act that will provide social security payments to persons under sixty-five years of age who are totally and permanently disabled due to illness.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

WATER ON STREETS AROUND RUSSELL SCHOOL.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the streets in and around the William E. Russell School in Dorchester, and in particular on Columbia road, to ascertain the cause of water collecting on these streets after rain or snowstorms, and to take immediate steps to remedy same.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FILLING IN OF FORT POINT CHANNEL.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, heartily favors filling in the Fort Point Channel and the construction of a roadway thereon which would connect with the arterial highway, as proposed by the Boston Port Authority, thereby further relieving traffic congestion on the narrow streets of Boston.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

FIVE-CENT FARE FOR CHILDREN DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a five-cent fare for children during the Christmas vacation period in order that they may come to Boston and see the pageant.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVESTIGATION OF HIGH PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby petitions John P.

McBride, Director of the State Division of the Necessaries of Life, to immediately investigate the high prices of eggs, butter, coffee, and other foodstuffs and to take whatever steps may be necessary in order to bring these prices down within the reach of the people.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred December 4) of Carleton M. Cobb, Jr., as weigher of coal, and John Williams as weigher of goods—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Lanigan. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

COMMENDATION OF CORNELIUS DALTON FOR ARTICLES ON COMMUNISM.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Whereas, Cornelius Dalton, Boston newspaper columnist, has performed a great and notable service to the citizenry of Boston by his articles on the fallacies and shortcomings of communism, exposing the purposes and intents of these subversive groups in their endeavor to undermine the security of our way of life by his forthright articles in the Boston Traveler; and

Whereas, His newspaper articles should be carefully studied and preserved as part of Boston's opposition to oppressive groups, especially for the education of our school children, to enlighten them and prepare them for the future activities of all groups which would seek to destroy our freedom and liberties; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desires to publicly commend Cornelius Dalton, columnist of the Boston Traveler, for his courageous service; and be it further

Resolved, That the Printing Department of the City of Boston be forthwith directed to print and issue as a public document of the City of Boston all articles of Mr. Dalton on this subject, in order that this publication may be made available at all times to our Boston School Department and all supervisors of children's groups, as the protest of the citizens of the birthplace of American Liberty against the attacks of those who would seek to dominate us and destroy our freedom.

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY COUNCIL.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Budget Commissioner to include in his 1951 budget a sum not exceeding $5,000, to assign an attorney as the legal representative for the 22 members of the Boston City Council relative to the study of bills pending before the Legislature concerning the problems of the Boston city government.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Shanley, the Council voted at 2.53 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman Wenzler at 5.16 P.M.

TRANSFER OF LAND IN BRIGHTON TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the custody and control of the city-owned land on Wallingford road and Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 21, formerly used as a city paving yard, be transferred to the Park Department for playground purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS, WARD 17.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, direct the Public Works Commissioner to repair the sidewalks in front of 5 Rockwell street, Dorchester, and at the intersection of Rockwell and Washington streets, Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECREATIONAL BUILDING ON WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in their budget for 1951 sufficient funds to provide for the construction of a recreational building on the William Gary Walsh Playground at Washington street and Gallivan Boulevard in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

BURT STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of making Burt street, Ward 17, a one-way street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALKS ON F STREET.

Coun. WENZLER and McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on F street, both sides, from Old Colony avenue to West First street, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY HALL.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Resolved, That the petition of Representative John J. Beades for legislation providing for the construction in the City of Boston of a new City Hall, and authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money outside the debt limit therefor be, and hereby is, approved.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR UNION DUES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 740 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing Payroll Deductions on Account of Union Dues in the Case of Certain State, County, or Municipal Employees," be, and hereby is, accepted in behalf of the County of Suffolk by the City Council of Boston in the exercise of the powers and duties of County Commissioners.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

DEATH OF WILLIAM MULLEN.

Coun. BEADES, FARIN, and F. P. TRACEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, expresses its deep regret at the passing of William Mullen, Director of Recreation with the Park Department, who for 38 years served this department faithfully and with distinction, and did more to conquer juvenile delinquency than any man in the city by organizing baseball, football, and basketball leagues in the Park Department throughout the city. This system is now being followed in many other cities throughout the country.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

DEATH OF GERALD COUGHLIN.

Coun. BEADES and FARIN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, expresses its deep regret at the passing of Gerald Coughlin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, who for 26 years served the School Department in the capacity of teacher, headmaster, and assistant superintendent, and was recognized and renowned as a high-principled gentleman of exemplary habits and profound knowledge and ability.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and four orders (referred today) for transfer of appropriations between departments—recommending that the order for transfer of appropriations of $150,000 from Public Welfare Department, Central Office, to Department of Veterans' Services, and the order for transfer of appropriation of $25,000 from Reserve Fund to Workmen's Compensation ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order transferring appropriation of $150,000 to the Department of Veterans' Services and the order transferring appropriation of $25,000 to Workmen's Compensations were passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Shanley, F. P. Tracey. P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for release of right in land in the City of Woburn—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

The order was assigned for 14 days for final action.

3. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred December 4) for transfers of appropriations between departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 15, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Shanley, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

TIME OFF FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Coun. LANIGAN and SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to allow a day off, with pay, to all city employees for Christmas shopping.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 5.25 P.M., on motion of Councilor Lanigan, to meet on Monday, December 18, 1950, at 2 P.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 18, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for term ending April 30, 1951:

Weigher of Coal: Andreas Dedekam, 331 Dorchester avenue, South Boston.

Weighers of Goods: Lucius H. Floyd, Jr., 133 Court street, Mansfield; Ralph H. Floyd, 213 Powder House Boulevard, Somerville.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

PUBLICIZING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the publicizing of educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Veterans' Services,
December 13, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Sir:

I have the City Council order of December 4, 1950, relative to the publicizing of educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Publicity on this feature has been amply covered in the past several months by various newspaper releases by items in the veterans' columns of the various Boston papers, which items occur in these columns from time to time.

Various releases from the Veterans Administration have been publicized in the newspapers relative to the educational benefits' delimitation date. In fact, I can remember reading editorials relative to it. The Veterans Administration also covers it in its various programs carried over local stations.

Veterans' organizations have more than once in their periodicals commented at length on this delimiting date and gave it prominence in these publications.

Publicity on this feature is now more than ample and any activity on our part would be even more than duplication of existing information distribution, and any expense in that regard would be unwarranted.

Very sincerely,
FRANCIS X. COTTER, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SCHOOL STREET, WARD 11, AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 15, 1950, concerning the making of School street, between Walnut avenue and Washington street, Ward 11, one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Council order dated November 15, 1950, requesting that School street, between Walnut avenue and Washington street, Ward 11, be made one way, a survey of this area and consultation with persons doing business on School street reveals that a one-way route here would work an unnecessary hardship.

Recently we reduced the width of the island at Egleston square and prohibited a left turn and, as a result of this, access must be made available to School street.

In addition, the operations of the Donnelly Electric Company at the junction of School and Washington streets require that entrances be provided at their shop, and that a route be made available for their trucks from their shop to their garage which is nearby.

In view of all the circumstances, it appears that the relief desired by the Council order would not be accomplished by the establishment of a one-way street at this location.

A traffic count taken shows that approximately 35 heavy trucks of five tons or over use this street between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. A total of 933 vehicles, mostly passenger cars, were found using the street and it may be seen from these figures that the percentage of heavy trucks using this roadway is less than 5 per cent, so that the establishment of a one-way route would not entirely eliminate the use of the street by heavy trucks. The proportion of passenger cars which would abandon the use of this street under a one-way plan is problematical as the direction of traffic is heavy in different directions during the morning and evening hours.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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BARRING OF HEAVY TRAFFIC FROM DORCHESTER STREET, WARD 7.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the removing of all heavy traffic from Dorchester street, Ward 7, there being five churches, a chapel, and three schools on this street, and a continuation of this heavy traffic will result in a serious hazard to the lives and safety of children and other pedestrians.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In response to Council order dated December 4, 1950, requesting that all heavy traffic be removed from Dorchester street, Ward 7, I wish to report that earlier this year heavy trucks were barred from Columbia road and, as a result of this action, it was necessary to detour trucks to another route.

We originally selected D street, and immediately met with opposition from the White Fuel Company and other companies engaged in the transporting of lumber and heavy equipment and, accordingly, compromised by permitting the use of Dorchester street.

If the order to eliminate heavy trucking from Dorchester street is to be accomplished it will be necessary to restore trucks to Columbia road. Since there is opposition to such use of Columbia road and the use of Dorchester street, a choice must be made, and we shall be glad to conform to

whatever compromise can be reached by the residents, merchants, and the Councilor of the district involved.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the construction of traffic lights in the City of Boston without further delay since the money for this work has been appropriated for a long period of time, and no traffic lights have been installed as yet.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

With reference to the Council order requesting the immediate installation of traffic lights from the appropriation made on August 29, 1950, I wish to report that, promptly, upon making available the appropriation, orders for material were placed.

As a result of special efforts on the part of this department, delivery dates were promised for the end of the current year by the manufacturers and suppliers. To date this material has not been received, nor is it available.

Immediately upon the receipt of the materials construction can be undertaken if the weather permits. It is obvious that we are entering the heaviest storm season of the winter period and, therefore, there is no likelihood that within the next two months underground construction work can be accomplished.

I am sure that the Councilors who introduced this order have no conception of the engineering and mechanical requirements resulting from a decision to install traffic lights.

In the past it has required approximately one year from the time an appropriation was made until the time of completion. According to our accelerated schedule, it is expected that we shall be able to make these installations in half of the time formerly required. In further support of this statement it will be observed that, with the completion of the Columbia Road project, traffic lights have not been installed due to the fact that the materials are not available and the Edison Company has not been able to complete its part of the installation. These lights are not being installed by the Traffic Commission, but are available under the Chapter 90 Appropriation. This is cited as an example to prove that what may seem to be delays from the time an appropriation has been made until the time of the actual completion of the work are caused by circumstances beyond the control of the city.

There will be a substantial installation of traffic lights in Boston at the very earliest possible date and there is no delinquency on the part of the Traffic Commission if it appears that these installations are not being accomplished as rapidly as the Councilors desire.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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McBRIDE STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the making of McBride street, Ward 11, one way.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated December 4, 1950, Requesting that An Investigation Be Made of the Feasibility of Making McBride Street, Ward 11, One Way.
Dear Sir:

The engineers of this Commission will make a study of traffic conditions in McBride street, with a view to making it one way.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND CROSSWALKS, KENMORE SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the installation of pedestrian traffic lights at Kenmore Square and to paint all the crosswalks at this location.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
December 12, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Re: Council Order Dated December 4, 1950, Requesting the Installation of Pedestrian Traffic Lights at Kenmore Square and To Paint All the Crosswalks at This Location.
Dear Sir:

In reference to this order, please be informed that ever since the traffic lights were installed in Kenmore Square in 1932 we have been asked to give pedestrians a portion of the traffic cycle for their exclusive use.

In a 12-hour day, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., between 45,000 and 50,000 vehicles pass through Kenmore square.

The average pedestrian would require at least 30 seconds to cross Kenmore square from Deerfield street to Brookline avenue. In our opinion, to stop all traffic in Kenmore square for 30 seconds in each cycle of the lights would create a condition that would completely tie up vehicular traffic.

There is a pedestrian underpass in Kenmore square that is clean, well lighted, and is under the constant supervision of the employees of the M. T. A. Persons using it are insured of complete safety crossing this heavily travelled area.

Our painting program is over for this season, but this location will be one of the first to be done when we commence again in the spring.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

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FLUORIDATION TREATMENT OF BOSTON WATER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the appointment of a special committee to study the possible benefits of treating the Boston water supply with sodium fluoridation.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Health Department, December 12, 1950.

Mr. Thomas Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reply to your communication of December 6 to which was attached an order from the City Council relative to the fluoridation of the water supply of the City of Boston.

Dr. William H. Griffin, the Director of Dental Services of the Boston Health Department who, likewise, is a member of the Public Health Council of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is conversant with the various effects and benefits from the water impregnated with compounds of fluoride. The Council order was referred to Dr. Griffin who advises me that he has conferred with eminent authorities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the desirability of instilling fluoride products in the drinking water. The matter is still under study by qualified dental groups and an over-all policy, as yet, has not been determined.

The policy of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the approval of fluoridation of public water supplies follows:

"The Massachusetts Department of Public Health will approve, upon application from local Boards of Water Commissioners, with the endorsement of City Councils or Boards of Selectmen, the fluoridation of public water supplies as a partial dental caries control measure. The plans for adequate hydraulic, mechanical, and laboratory controls must be submitted to the department for approval and provisions made for adequate prefluoridation and postfluoridation dental evaluations. The department will provide technical assistance in establishing recommended controls and evaluation procedures to local Boards of Water Commissioners and Health Departments through the Division of Sanitary Engineering and Dental Health."

During the last three years, under the direction of the Dental Division of the Boston Health Department, a research project of a 2 per cent topical application of fluoride solution to the teeth has been conducted on a controlled group of children at the West End Health Unit. In order to evaluate the effect of this topical application, a comparison with the controlled group has been made with the cooperation of the Dental Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Be assured that the Boston Health Department will continue this study. If it is determined that there should be an instillation of fluoride products in the water supply, the matter will be studied further with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and a conference will be arranged with the Metropolitan District Commission who has the responsibility for an adequate and safe water supply for the City of Boston. Insofar as the Metropolitan District Commission is concerned, however, authority will be necessary from the General Court in order to impregnate the Metropolitan District water supply.

Very truly yours,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M.D., M.P.H.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

FREE UNIFORMS TO MTA EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the uniformed employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority being supplied with free uniforms.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
December 13, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to City Council order of December 4, forwarded with your communication of December 6, the Trustees have directed me to advise you that this is a subject matter which lies within the scope of the collective bargaining agreement.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

ELIMINATION OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT ANDREW SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the conferring with the State Public Works Commissioner with a view to having the state construct an overpass, underpass, or any other improvement at Andrew square, South Boston, which will eliminate the present traffic congestion at this point.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of December 4:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to confer with the State Public Works Commissioner with a view to having the state construct an overpass, underpass, or any other improvement at Andrew square, South Boston, which will eliminate the present traffic congestion at this point."

Traffic congestion at Andrew square is probably as intolerable as any other comparable area in the city. Unquestionably, the conditions will not be improved to any marked extent until a large expenditure is made for the construction of an overpass or an underpass, or a combination of both, similar to the project now being constructed in Sullivan square.

It is my intention to take up this matter with the State Department of Public Works, and it is also my intention to have a study of the Andrew square area made by the consulting engineering firm that is now making a study for this department in connection with the preparation of a master highway system for Boston.

Even if the state should act favorably concerning the construction of a grade separation at the above-referenced Andrew square, it probably will take several years before the improvement can be effected because of the current unsettled conditions caused by the defense program.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALKS ON F STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 11, 1950, concerning the installation of cement sidewalks on F street, both sides, from Old Colony avenue to West First street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 15, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of December 11:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on F street, both sides, from Old Colony avenue to West First street, Ward 6."

Due to the lateness of the season, we cannot install cement sidewalks, at tbis time, We sball, however, give consideration to effecting the above-desired improvement next ycar.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HYLAND,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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MUTUAL FIRE AID SYSTEM IN BOSTON AND ADJOINING COMMUNITIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the Fire Commissioner and the Chief of tbe Department being invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee in order that we may be able to ascertain the cost to the City of Boston for protecting adjoining cities and towns in tbe event of a conflagration.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, December 11, 1950.

Hon. Jobn B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I am returning berewith to your Honor the following order wbich was passed by the City Council, December 4, 1950:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner and Chief of the Department be invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee in order that we may be able to ascertain the cost to the City of Boston for protecting adjoining cities and towns in the event of a conflagration."

On December 11, 1950, Chief of Department Jobn V. Stapleton and I, appeared before the Executive Committee of the City Council and explained to the satisfaction of tbe members the mutual aid system of response of apparatus between Boston and cities and towns adjoining our city.

Also explained was the automatic response of certain of our apparatus to first alarms from border boxes in cities and towns bordering on the City of Boston, and vice versa.

The members of tbe Executive Committee were informed that there was practically no expense involved to the City of Boston and all of the councilors present agreed that it was to the advantage of Boston to maintain the present mutual aid system.

Respectfully yours,
M. T. KELLEHER,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

AMBULATORY SUBSTATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the President of tbe Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of November 13, 1950, concerning an ambulatory substation at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Departmcnt.,
December 8, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Board of Trustees has considered the enclosure contained in your letter of Novcmber 16, being an order of the City Council adopted November 13, 1950, regarding an ambulatory substation at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton.

You are respectfully advised that in the opinion of this Board tho locating of a City Hospital ambulance in Brigbton, as suggested by tbe Council order, is neither practical nor necessary. It could not be provided without the expenditure of at least eight thousand dollars for a new ambulance and an annual expense of drivers' salaries and maintenance exceeding ten tbousand dollars. Such an installation, if made, would be an innovation and would undoubtedly lead to similar requests from other localities.

In our judgment, the expense would be prohibitive.

After telephonic communication witb Commissioner Sullivan, tbe Police Commissioner stated that tbere were two anbulances in good order at the Brighton Station and that in his opinion they were adequate to supply the Brigbton and Allston needs.

Sincerely yours,
MARTIN J. ENGLISH, M.D.,
President, Board of Trustees.

Placed on file.

RECREATIONAL BUILDING ON WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit berewith communication from tbe Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of December 11, 1950, concerning tbe Park Department including in their budget for 1951 sufficient funds to provide for the construction of a recreational building on tbe William Gary Walsb Playground at Washington street and Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 15, 1950.

Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memo from your office with attached enclosure, City Council order of December 11, introduced by Councilor Farin, asking that we include in our budget for 1951 sufficient funds to provide for the construction of a recreational building on the William Gary Walsh Playground, Washington street and Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

During this year we have graded and loamed this area and our plans were to arrange for the construction of a building in 1951.

However, in view of the present serious international crisis several restrictions bave been printed by the Federal Government and the erection of the building looks doubtful at this time.

We will include it in our budget and every effort will be made to construct the building.

Very truly yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRANSFER FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, requesting the appropriation of $16,278.47 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1950 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $180,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $16,278.47, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 14, 1950.
Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $16,278.47 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of.....	$16,278 47

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1950, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to he replaced hy the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1950, to he transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK R. KELLEY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $16,278.47 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of.....	$16,278 47

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended hy chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:
From the appropriation for Finance Commission, G, Incidentals, $650, to the appropriation for Licensing Board, D, Supplies, $650.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and nereby is, authorized to transfer:
From the appropriation for Court House Custodian, B, Contractual Services, $5,950, to the appropriation for Court House Custodian, A, Personal Services, $5,950.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor he, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:
From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, $14,400, to the appropriation for City Documents, B, Contractual Services, $14,400.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended hy chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor he, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:
From the appropriation for Registry of Deeds, A, Personal Services, $500, to the appropriation for County Buildings, B, Contractual Services, $500.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended hy chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and herehy is, authorized to transfer:
From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Jail Improvements, $6,500, to the appropriation for Suffolk County Jail, B, Contractual Services, $2,000, D, Supplies, $4,500.
Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS AND FACILITIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Decemher 18, 1950.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
Under the provisions of chapter 776 of the Acts of 1949, the city may utilize receipts from parking meters to acquire off-street parking areas and facilities. The City Auditor advises me that at the present time a surplus of roughly one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) exists in the Parking Meter Fees account. In the belief that this sum should he made availahle to the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for use in the development of the off-street parking program of the city, I submit herewith an appropriation order and respectfully recommend its adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 776 of the Acts of 1949 the sum of one hundred thousand dollars he, and the same hereby is, appropriated from Parking Meter Fees to he expended hy the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for the acquisition of off-street parking areas and facilities.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

ABANDONMENT OF SEWERAGE EASEMENT, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Decemher 18, 1950.
To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:
By an order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston approved hy the Mayor under date of October 13, 1899, an easement for sewerage purposes was taken in certain premises in Brighton more fully described in said order.
The Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston has declared that the easement taken for sewerage purposes by said order is no longer required for puhlic purposes in a portion of said premises, and, in fact, the location was never used for sewerage purposes. I submit herewith a letter from the Commissioner of Puhlic Works with regard thereto.
I am informed that no award was made on account of the taking of said sewer easement and no money has ever heen paid to the present owners or their predecessors in title on account of that portion of the taking which it is now desired to discontinue.
I am also submitting herewith an order for the abandonment of said easement in that portion of the premises in which said easement in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works is no longer needed for public purposes and recommend that said order be passed by your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 8, 1950.

To His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes, and the Members of the City Council.

Dear Sirs:

The city has an easement for sewerage works in private land, between Fairbanks street and Oak Square avenue, Brighton, which is shown on the accompanying plan and described in an order of taking of which a photostat copy is attached.

This taking was never used, as the sewer location was changed. A house erected on Fairbanks street now is partially located over this taking, and according to the records no license was ever granted to build over the taking.

To clear the title to the land occupied by the house in the event of a future sale or a mortgage, it becomes necessary to abandon this easement, and as it is no longer needed for public purposes, I recommend that the necessary legal steps be taken to bring about its abandonment.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereas, The City of Boston by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners, approved by the Mayor of Boston under date of October 13, 1899, took for sewerage works a right and easement in land situated in that part of Boston called Brighton, and more fully described in the instrument of taking; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston, now having charge of said right and easement taken, has notified the City Council that said right and easement in a portion of the premises described in said instrument of taking and hereinafter referred to, is no longer required for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to abandon said right and sewer easement in the premises hereinafter described and to execute and cause to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds for Suffolk County in the name and on behalf of the City of Boston, and in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, upon payment to the City of Boston by the owner or owners of said premises of the sum of one dollar ($1.00), and upon the execution and delivery to the City of Boston by said owner or owners of a release of any and all damages in any way growing out of or caused by said abandonment, a declaration that said right and easement in the following-described premises is abandoned, namely, a certain parcel of land situated in that part of Boston called Brighton, bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Fairbanks street, ten (10) feet; southerly by lands now or formerly of Albert A. Taylor *et al.*, Charles L. Lawson and Charles B. Collar, by three measurements, twenty-two and 90–100 (22.90) feet, seventy-seven and 23–100 (77.23) feet and sixty-six and 25–100 (66.25) feet; westerly by Oak Square avenue, ten (10) feet; northerly by lands now or formerly of Charles B. Collar and Charles L. Lawson, by three measurements, sixty-five and 75–100 (65.75) feet, seventy-seven and 36–100 (77.36) feet, and twenty-two and 78–100 (22.78) feet, supposed to belong now or formerly to Charles L. Lawson and Charles B. Collar, containing one thousand six hundred and sixty-one (1,661) square feet of land, more or less, being a portion of the above-mentioned land taken for sewerage purposes, which taking is shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Plan No. 74, Sewerage Works, Faneuil Valley Brook, Brighton, September 20, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer."

On motion of Councilor Shanley the rules were suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McColgan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

Claims.

Israel Appel, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Automat Shoes Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 596 Columbia road, caused by water leak.

Batchelder Whittemore Coal Co., for compensation for damage to property at 193 Talbot avenue, caused by sewage blockage.

Mamie Bornstein, for compensation for damage to property at 281–301 Blue Hill avenue, caused by flooding of property from sewer.

Jerry Ciardiello, for compensation for damage to property at 275 Hanover street, caused by overflow of water.

Arthur F. Collins, for compensation for damage to property at 198 Norfolk avenue, Roxbury, caused by water being shut off.

Dr. Joseph P. Crehan, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

William J. Curley, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Benjamin Feinsilver, for compensation for damage to property at 281 Blue Hill avenue, caused by defective sewer.

Martin T. Foley, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Carmen Giannati, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 59 Hill street, caused by water being shut off.

Coleman J. Griffin, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Park Department.

Harriet Hawkes, for compensation for damage to property at 49 Seymour street, Roslindale, caused by water being shut off.

Joseph A. Langone, III, for compensation for damage to property at 276 Hanover street, caused by defect in water pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lenane, for compensation for injuries and damage to property at 135A Chiswick road, caused by overflow of sewer.

Harry A. Lesser, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Merrimac street, caused by defect in water main.

Charles McCarthy, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Esther Milstein, for compensation for damages caused by city truck.

Margaret C. Mitchell, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Freeport street and Gallivan Boulevard.

Paul Mondello, for compensation for damage to property at 279 Hanover street, caused by defective water pipes.

Vanda Puopolo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 234 Hanover street.

Alfred J. Roux, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

George W. Souza, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

N. E. Spring & Brake Co., for compensation for damage to property at 259 Cambridge street, Allston, caused by city truck.

William F. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to property at 1772 Columbia road, caused by backing up of sewage.

Joseph McKenney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of School Committee.

Edward J. Toland, to be paid wages due him as first assistant drawtender, L street Bridge.

Executive.

Petition of Margaret E. Carlson to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, Harry G. Carlson, late member of the Police Department.

APPROVAL BY STATE HOUSING BOARD OF EXPENDITURES.

Notice was received from the State Housing Board of approval of expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority to the amount of $7,499.23 as follows:

Baker Street project, ledge excavation, $38.40, trench excavation, $217.35, grading, $1,482.35, thresholds, $600, and three way polarized receptacles, $930.98; 16-house project, River street, three way polarized receptacles, $1,107.75; East Boston project, waterproofing buildings at 120 St. Andrew road, $332.60, 1159 Saratoga street, $372, and 1155 Saratoga street, $332.60; 17-house project, River street, three way polarized recep-

tacles, $360.29; Cottage street, Hyde Park project, three way polarized receptacles, $745.41; 25-house project, River street, three way polarized receptacles, $677.25, and outside porch lights, $32.25, and 36-house project, River street, concrete steps and buttresses, $270.
Placed on file.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY PRO TEM, PERMANENT SCHOOL PENSION FUND.

Notice was received from the Board of Trustees of the Permanent School Pension Fund of election of Agnes E. Reynolds as secretary pro tempore.
Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held December 26, at 10 A.M., on petition of Dump Truck Owners, Association, Inc., *re* increase in hourly rates for vehicles transporting certain dump truck commodities and prescription of minimum rates and charges for hot-top and cold-patch.
Placed on file.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That Stanley Wollaston, permanent stenographer-clerk attaché of the City Council, be granted a leave of absence from his duties as stenographer-clerk for a period of six months — January 1, 1951 to July 1, 1951.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CITY ELECTION DAY AS CITY HOLIDAY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Election Commissioners to take proper steps to have the Legislature enact legislation which will permit the City of Boston to declare City Election Day a city holiday.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SKELETON FORCE IN CITY DEPARTMENTS ON DECEMBER 22 AND 29.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the various department heads to permit a skeleton force on Friday, December 22, 1950, and Friday, December 29, 1950.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ON CALF PASTURE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the individual members of the Housing Authority to furnish the Council, through him, a report on the progress on the proposed construction on Calf Pasture.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LAND-TAKINGS IN COPLEY SQUARE AND POST OFFICE SQUARE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to proceed no further with the proposed land-takings in Copley square and Post Office square because of the present state of emergency.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

DEATH OF MRS. WILFRED J. DOYLE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its deepest sympathy to Wilfred J. Doyle, Chairman of the Boston Retirement Board and former City Clerk of the City of Boston, on the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Ida C. Doyle.
The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately conduct a survey for placing electric lights on the right side of Blue Hill avenue, from Grove Hall, in the direction of Dudley street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT BRUNSWICK STREET AND BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of installing pedestrian, traffic, and blinker lights at the intersection of Brunswick street and Blue Hill avenue, Wards 12 and 14.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT GROVE HALL.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey for placing traffic signal lights at Grove Hall.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

PAINTING OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS, WARDS 12 AND 14.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint pedestrian crosswalks along Brunswick, Devon, Intervale, Stanwood streets, and Lawrence avenue, Wards 12 and 14.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

MEDICAL PAYMENTS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to allow the Old Age Assistance to pay any family doctor of an Old Age recipient for one visitation while the patient is confined to the hospital.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS TO PERSONS DESIGNATED BY COUNCILORS.

Coun. FARIN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to give at least two Christmas baskets of those donated through the Mayor's office for charity, as recommended by each councilor, so that the councilor may submit two worthy names of needy people in their respective wards.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALKS ON H STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth street to East First street, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF HORSE TROUGH, FLOOD SQUARE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council as to whether or not it is legally possible to remove the horse trough in Flood square, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LAND FOR PLAYGROUND PURPOSES IN WEST ROXBURY.

Coun. BRYAN called up No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:
1. Order for appropriation of $11,000 for purchase of land for playground purposes at Russett road, Bruce street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, and Weld street.
On December 4, 1950, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.
The order received its second reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McColgan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.
Nays—0.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted at 2.25 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Senior Member Wenzler at 4.38 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council voted that when it adjourn, it would be to meet on Thursday, December 28, 1950, at 11 A.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 21) for transfer of appropriation from Superior Court, Criminal Session, B-34, Jurors, of $2,500 to Municipal Court, Roxbury District, to D, Supplies, Office—recommending that same ought to pass.
2. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfer of appropriations between departments—recommending that same ought to pass.
The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 17, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Farin, Hannon, Kinsella, Lanigan, McColgan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—17.
Nays—0.
3. Report on order (referred October 23) that section 33B of chapter 149 of General Laws, as inserted by chapter 653 of Acts of 1950, re 40-hour work week for city employees—recommending passage of order in accompanying new draft:
Ordered, 1. That section 33B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 653 of the Acts of 1950, be, and the same herby is, accepted;
2. That said section 33B shall not apply:
(a) to those specifically exempted therefrom by said section, or
(b) to undergraduate nurses or interns or other resident physicians or surgeons engaged in any capacity in postgraduate training in the hospital department, or
(c) to student attendant nurses or assistant resident physicians or assistant resident surgeons in the institutions department, or,
(d) to any person on the payrolls of the fire alarm division of the fire department, or
(e) to any person who is compensated for his services on an annual salary basis of four thousand dollars or more or on a weekly salary basis of seventy-seven dollars or more;

3. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in clause (e) of paragraph 2 of this order, said section 33B shall apply to all senior building custodians, junior building custodians and other persons employed by the School Committee to care for any building in its custody or control; and
4. That after September 1, 1951, said section 33B shall apply, but between the effective date of this order and said September 1, 1951, said section 33B shall not apply, to nurses and attendants in the Institutions Department.
The report of the committee was accepted.
On motion of Councilor Hannon the order in the new draft was assigned to the next meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF ADAMS CIRCLE.

Coun. P. A. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out, and construct Adams Circle, Ward 11, as a public highway.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CHILDREN'S EYE CLINIC AT CURTIS HALL.

Coun. TRACY and McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the feasibility of establishing a children's eye clinic in the unused rooms of Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ADEQUATE AIR-RAID SHELTERS.

Coun. McCORMACK, BRYAN, and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Director of Civilian Defense be requested to appear at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to inform the City Council as to what steps are being taken to provide adequate air-raid shelters in the various sections of the city.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF FRANK A. CIRESI.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the square at the junction of Eaton and Chambers streets, Ward 3, in honor of Pfc. Frank A. Ciresi, Company B, 350th Infantry, 88th Division, who was killed in action in Italy on October 3, 1944.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 5.07 P.M., on motion of Councilor Sullivan, to meet on Thursday, December 28, 1950, at 11 A.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, December 28, 1950.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 A.M., President HURLEY in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Farin, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS ON TERRACE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning "No Parking" signs being placed on Terrace street on the westerly side.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
December 22, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Re: Council Order Dated November 20, 1950, Requesting That "No Parking" Signs Be Erected on Terrace Street on the Westerly Side.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to above Council order, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on December 14, 1950, it was voted to extend the present 100-foot parking prohibition in Terrace street, Roxbury, so that parking will be prohibited on both sides, from New Heath street to a point 300 feet north of New Heath street, 24 hours.

This goes into effect January 3, 1951, at which time the necessary signs will be erected.

Respectfully yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING OF BURT STREET ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of December 11, 1950, concerning the making of Burt street, Ward 17, a one-way street.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Boston Traffic Commission,
December 19, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

With reference to City Council order dated December 11, 1950, requesting that a study be made of the feasibility of making Burt street, Ward 17, a one-way street, our engineers report that Ashmont street, which is parallel to Burt street, has a bus line which uses this roadway in both directions.

To make Burt street one way would result in an additional load of traffic on Ashmont street, which is not sufficiently wide to carry the additional traffic.

In view of the facts, we do not feel that making Burt street one way would result in the improvement desired, but would result in the establishment of very unsatisfactory conditions on Ashmont street.

Sincerely yours,
WM. ARTHUR REILLY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LOUD-SPEAKING SYSTEMS IN OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the request to install loud-speaking systems in all of the clinics of the Out-Patient Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Department,
December 15, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today the following order of the City Council, dated December 4, 1950, was presented:

Requested that steps be taken immediately to install loud-speaking systems in all of the clinics of the Out-Patient Department, in order that the people waiting there for treatment will be able to hear their name when it is called.

The Trustees voted to request this service in the next budget.

Very truly yours,
J. W. MANARY, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

FIVE-CENT FARE FOR CHILDREN DURING HOLIDAYS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of December 11, 1950, concerning the establishing of, during the Christmas vacation period, a five-cent fare for children.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
December 21, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of December 13, the Board of Trustees have considered the request with regard to the Christmas week fare for school children.

This has not been in effect since 1947, as conditions have been entirely different than they were at that time.

The Board does not have, on its own initiative, the authority under the law, as the fare schedule approved by the Department of Public Utilities does not include this privilege. The Board has, however, done much by keeping the five-cent fare for school children throughout the year, which is less than one-half of the average fare, and also by extending it to children under fourteen years of age during the long summer vacation months, both of which do create substantial financial burden in the operating results.

Under the circumstances, the Board does not feel justified in any further action.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

COMPLETION OF WORK ON COLUMBIA ROAD AND BLUE HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 4, 1950, concerning the immediate completion of Columbia road and Blue Hill avenue, being done under chapter 90 by the State Public Works Department.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 20, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the following order that was passed in the City Council under date of December 4:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to request immediate completion of Columbia road and Blue Hill avenue, being done under chapter 90 by the State Public Works Department."

Unquestionably, the above-referenced chapter 90 projects have been under construction for an unusually long time. The contractors, however, have been hampered to some extent in completing the work because of the unavailability of granite edgestone.

The work in both of these streets at the present time, however, is approximately 97 per cent completed, with the exception of the work involved in the center divisional islands. The work on these islands cannot be completed until next spring because the granite edgestone will not be delivered until that time. In the meantime, we have taken steps to put the islands in a safe and presentable condition for the winter months.

I am sorry for the delays encountered in completing the reconstruction of these two important highways, but I think that everyone will agree that the improvements made to these main arteries under the provisions of chapter 90 of the General Laws will prove most beneficial to the motoring public for many years to come.

In addition, the State Department of Public Works, in assuming one-half the cost of the above-referenced reconstruction work, has saved the taxpayers of this city approximately $195,000.

Respectfully yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 11, 1950, concerning the repairing of the sidewalks in front of No. 5 Rockwell street, Dorchester, and at the intersection of Rockwell and Washington streets, Ward 17.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 26, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Commissioner repair the sidewalks in front of No. 5 Rockwell street, Dorchester, and at the intersection of Rockwell and Washington streets, Ward 17, and this will advise you that repairs have been made at the above locations by the District No. 9 Paving Service forces.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS, H STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Commissioner relative to your order of December 18, 1950, concerning the installation of granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth street to East First street, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 26, 1950.

Mr. Thomas G. J. Shannon,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install granolithic sidewalks on both sides of H street, from East Sixth street to East First street, Ward 6, and this will advise you that it is now too late in the season to perform any work of this nature, but same will be put on the list of sidewalk installation to be given consideration during the year 1951.

Very truly yours,
George G. Hyland,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PROPOSED CALF PASTURE CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of November 20, 1950, concerning the progress which has been made on the proposed construction on the so-called Calf Pasture in Dorchester.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
December 11, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to City Council order of November 20, please be advised that the Housing Authority is doing everything possible to get projects started on the so-called calf pasture in Dorchester.

The Federal Government has turned down our original application, However, we are preparing another one for their reconsideration.

The State Housing Board Chairman's approval of a chapter 200 project was contingent upon PHA approval.

I am attaching a preliminary report from the City Planners for the information of the Council.

I have been informed today that their entire study is now complete, and we will have it within the next couple of days.

Very truly yours,
Cornelius T. Kiley, Chairman.

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Glaser and Gray,
105 Newbury Street,
Boston, Mass.

To the City Planners:

Cow Pasture Development, Report No. 1, October 31, 1950, for the Boston Housing Authority.

Work under this contract from October 4 to the present has consisted of:

The necessary contact and field work to assemble site and neighborhood information.

Analysis of space requirements for residential, public, semipublic, and business uses.

Interviews with various engineers and officials to determine the practicality and estimate the relative economy of various types of structure with particular reference to existing subsoil conditions.

We have been able to reach certain tentative conclusions, which I would like to outline for the review and comment of the Housing Authority, and which can form the basis of our continuing work.

1. The valuation of community and neighborhood relationships is in this case relatively simple in terms of the total city. This site is soundly related to the metropolitan center, with adequate roads and transportation. It will, of course, be necessary to provide full neighborhood facilities as part of the development; they could not be expected to exist already at the site in a quantity to serve the large number of families which may be located here.

2. Filling out to the bulkhead line will be necessary in order to create acreage adequate for a well-rounded development. This is not particularly a problem. We have not undertaken any appraisal work, but it appears that considering the amount of area already in the public domain the cost of filling operations plus the cost of acquisition will be no more and possibly will be less than the cost of acquisition alone of a similar site.

3. The one element most difficult to evaluate for its effect on the development is the subsoil condition. Borings made by the Housing Authority on a fraction of the area, plus general information made available by the construction of the Boston College High School and the pumping station, indicate that there is in general a stratum of relatively hard ground from 6 to 25 feet thick, lying at an elevation of 0 to —5°. Below this is a depth of soft clay of 80 to 200 feet.

Foundations for buildings on material of this type may be of several kinds. Caissons will provide adequate footing for structures up to 3 or 4 stories as is indicated by the Boston College High School. Loads are too great under taller buildings for caissons to work. Structures of 6, 13, or 20 stories may be carried on:

a. Piles driven to refusal.
b. A reinforced concrete mat.
c. A nonreinforced concrete mat.
d. Friction piles.

By reason of the depth of the clay over this site, piles driven to refusal would average about 150 feet in length, would probably be concrete, and would be put in place at a prohibitive cost. A reinforced concrete mat would cost much less than piles driven to refusal, but would face another difficulty. Ground water level is well above the relatively hard stratum on which this mat should rest. It would probably be impractical to attempt to set reinforcing and keep it in alignment under water while pouring concrete. The omission of reinforcing in the use of a plain concrete mat would add somewhat to the cost, but would be a relatively simple construction problem. For a 20-story building this mat might run as thick as 12 or 13 feet, but this would actually be an advantage in terms of the location of the basement floor above ground water level. A possibility mentioned above, but not estimated, is the use of 50-foot friction piles. This system might produce the lowest foundation costs, but should be considered only after driving clusters of piles for actual loading tests and studying the results.

Costs per dwelling unit for these various types of foundations can be estimated on a very general basis for buildings of various heights, as follows:

	3-Story.	6-Story.	13-Story.	20-Story.
Caissons	$300	—	—	—
Concrete piles	—	$1,440	$1,440	$1,440
Reinforced concrete mat	—	1,050	585	500
Nonreinforced concrete mat	—	1,220	684	666
Apparently practical low figure	300	1,220	684	666

The cost of friction piles cannot even be estimated without testing to determine load values. Such testing might well improve the above figures by increasing the conservative figures used for estimating.

These are not, of course, the only cost figures to be considered in evaluating the height of buildings. The steel per dwelling unit, site development, and heating costs will vary, and the addition of elevators will affect the ultimate result. Costs per dwelling unit for these items can be also estimated on a general basis:

	3-Story.	6-Story.	13-Story.	20-Story.
Foundation	$300	$1,220	$684	$666
Steel	150*	250	320	420
Site Development	900	600	400	250
Heating	800	600	500	450
Elevators	—	241	302	389
Total	$2,150	$2,911	$2,206	$2,175

* This is the estimated amount of normal construction that compares with steel in the higher buildings.

This total indicates very interestingly that either 3-, 13-, or 20-story buildings may be erected on this site for a cost higher than that of a usual development by about $300 a dwelling unit.

4. We have also approached the study of this neighborhood in terms of the unit-size distribution. Percentages similar to those used previously by the Housing Authority would call for distribution of 15 per cent 1 bedrooms, 45 per cent 2 bedrooms, 34 per cent 3 bedrooms, and 6 per cent 4 bedrooms. It is my belief that sound planning for housing should make it possible for the families with many children to live close to the land. This will be accomplished in terms of the above unit-size distribution, if approximately 40 per cent of the housing units are at or near ground level.

This relationship of large families to the land can be provided in a series of projects combining groups of high density, high buildings, with the groups of medium density, two- or three-story structures, to make provision for a community of approximately 5,000 families.

5. Available acreage for the various functions of the neighborhood can be outlined as follows:

The total area of the peninsula, including fill to the bulkhead line, represents slightly under 300 acres. The pumping station now uses 9 acres, and the Boston College High School, 42. Other requirements for a community of 5,000 families call for further public areas for grade schools, playgrounds, parks and community facilities of approximately 45 acres, and call for a commercial development of not less than 20 acres. This leaves approximately 185 acres to accommodate 5,000 families.

We have tentatively allocated 70 acres for 3,600 families in 20-story apartments, and 115 acres for 1,400 families in 2- or 3-story group and row houses, These figures break down into six separate projects, which accommodate the units available to the Authority under State Housing Laws, chapters 372 and 200, and under the Federal Housing Act of 1949. The unit-size distribution and building height of structures to accommodate these projects can be tabulated as follows:

Project.	Stories.	Bedrooms. 1.	2.	3.	4.	Total Units.
Chapter 372	20	120	360	102	18	600
Chapter 200	20	120	360	102	18	600
P.H.A.-aided	20	240	720	204	36	1,200
P.H.A.-aided	3	—	—	680	120	800
Private	20		as determined			1,200
Private	3		as determined			600

We have started a series of physical studies based on the conclusions set out in this report. We would appreciate receiving the review and comment of the Housing Authority and are prepared to appear for any discussion you may care to schedule.

Joseph C. Gray.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith six orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II who were killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
December 21, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans held this day, it was voted to designate the following intersections in honor of the following named veterans:

Eaton and Chambers streets, Boston Proper district, Frank A. Ciresi Square.

Pfc. Frank A. Ciresi, Company B, 350 Infantry, 88th Division, was killed in action in Italy, October 3, 1944.

Warren and Quincy streets, Roxbury district, Myron H. Feinstein Square.

Pfc. Myron H. Feinstein was killed at Tageu, Korea, on September 4, 1950.

Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street, Dorchester district, Rinaldo L. Sestito Square.

Sergt. Rinaldo L. Sestito, Company G, 330 Infantry, was killed in action in Germany, December 14, 1944.

Dacia and Wayland streets, Roxbury district, Guido Petrilli Square.

T/Sergt. Guido Petrilli, Medical Detachment, 101st Infantry, killed in action in France, October 22, 1944.

Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues, Brighton district, Sumner Calish Square.

Lieut. Sumner Calish, 371st Fighting Group, Ninth Air Force, killed in action in France, August 24, 1944.

Cambridge and Staniford streets, Boston Proper district, James Maggio Square.

Pfc. James Maggio, Company C, 337th Infantry, killed in action in Italy on October 25, 1944.

Notice of the above vote has been forwarded to the City Council for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Eaton and Chambers streets, Ward 3, be named Frank A. Ciresi Square, in honor of Frank A. Ciresi, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Warren and Quincy streets, Ward 12, be named Myron H. Feinstein Square, in honor of Myron H. Feinstein, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street, Ward 13, be named Rinaldo L. Sestito Square, in honor of Rinaldo L. Sestito, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Dacia and Wayland streets, Ward 13, be named Guido Petrilli Square, in honor of Guido Petrilli, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, be named Sumner Calish Square, in honor of Sumner Calish, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Cambridge and Staniford streets, Ward 3, be named James Maggio Square, in honor of James Maggio, late veteran of World War II.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF SEWING MACHINES BY PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 26, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Public Welfare Department in which it is stated that approximately 1,050 sewing machines and sewing machine heads are no longer needed by the department. I understand that these sewing machines and sewing machine heads are in disrepair and are gathering dust and rust which makes whatever value they have diminish as time goes by. These machines are those left over from the W. P. A. sewing project of some twelve years ago.

It is my opinion that these machines can be sold for somewhere in the vicinity of $2,000, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order which contemplates their sale, at public auction, at an upset price of $2,000.

Respectfully,
J. B. Hynes, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
December 26, 1950.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This department has in storage at 84 Northampton street, Boston, Mass., approximately 1,050 sewing machines and sewing machine heads in various states of repair. These machines were left over from a W. P. A. sewing project operated by the department some years ago.

This department has no further use for the machines and recommends that they be sold. As their value is considerably in excess of $500 it would appear that a City Council order is necessary in order to permit their sale.

Your approval is respectfully requested to the sale of these machines.

Daniel A. Murphy,
Acting Secretary.

Ordered, That the Public Welfare Department be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction approximately ten hundred fifty (1,050) sewing machines and sewing machine heads no longer needed for public purposes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 28, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are recommended for adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Park Department, Cemetery Division, A, Personal Service, $3,000, E, Materials, $2,500, to the appropriation for Park Department, A, Personal Service, $5,500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the city auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $23,000, to the appropriation for Park Department, A, Personal Service, $23,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Fire Department, C, Equipment, $2,500, B, Contractual Services, $500, to the appropriation for Fire Department, A, Personal Service, $3,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Fire Department, B, Contractual Services, $52, to the appropriation for Fire Department Electrical Inspection Division, A, Personal Service, $52.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Fire Department, C, Equipment, $500, to the appropriation for Fire Department, Electrical Inspection Division, A, Personal Service, $500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, $5,696.15, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, Roxbury District, A, Personal Service, $4,941.35, B, Contractual Services, $563, C, Equipment, $76.80, D, Supplies, $115.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Supreme Judicial Court, A, Personal Service, $1,260, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, Charlestown District, A, Personal Service, $1,200, B, Contractual Services, $60.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Election Department, A, Personal Service, $594.88, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, Market Division, A, Personal Service, $494.88, B, Contractual Services, $100.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

EXEMPTING BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FROM CERTAIN LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 28, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

By so-called cooperation agreements executed by the city, upon authorization of your Honorable Body, the Boston Housing Authority, whether acting by itself or through others, is not required to pay any fee for any license and permit issued in connection with the construction and operation of federal low-rent housing projects. No action has ever been taken by your Honorable Body, however, to exempt the Boston Housing Authority from license and permit fees connected with its other projects. The result is that such fees are chargeable for state-aided veterans' low-rent housing projects. There would appear to be no sound reason why a veterans' low-rent housing project should be subject to such fees when a federal low-rent housing project is not.

Accordingly, I recommend the immediate adoption by your Honorable Body of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

An Ordinance Exempting the Boston Housing Authority and Persons Acting in Its Stead from Certain License and Permit Fees.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following new section:

SECT. 23A. Neither the Boston Housing Authority nor any person acting in its stead shall be charged any fee for any license or permit for which the fee may be fixed by ordinance under chapter 222 of the acts of 1949.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CONVEYANCE OF OLD COLONY HOUSING PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 28, 1950.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

From time to time during recent months much consideration has been given by the Boston Housing Authority to the acquisition, for low-rent housing purposes, of Public Housing Authority Project No. 19051, commonly known as the Old Colony project in South Boston. There has not as yet been evolved, to the satisfaction of all concerned, a detailed program for the acquisition of the project. If further negotiations are not to be precluded, however, a request for a conveyance must be made on or before December 31, 1950, by the governing body of the City of Boston, pursuant to the Federal Housing Act of 1950, under which the acquisition, if effected, will be consummated.

Transmitted herewith is a resolution making the necessary request. I recommend its immediate adoption.

Respectfully,
J. B. HYNES, Mayor.

Whereas, The United States of America, acting through the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Public Housing Administration, owns permanent war housing now known as P.H.A. Project No. 19051, consisting of 873 dwelling units, located in the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, There exists in said city a need for low-rent public housing at rents within the means of low-income families, especially families of living or deceased veterans and servicemen, which need is not being met by private enterprise; and

Whereas, Such a condition constitutes a menace to the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the inhabitants of the city; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has authorized by Public Law 475, approved by the

President April 20, 1950, the conveyance to the Boston Housing Authority of P.H.A. Project No. 19051, to provide housing for families of low income, and the Boston Housing Authority has announced its intention to acquire such project and to operate it as low-rent housing;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Boston do hereby request of the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency the conveyance of said P.H.A. Project No. 19051 to the Boston Housing Authority, under the provisions of Public Law 475, approved by the President April 20, 1950.

SECT. 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Mayor of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

Claims.

Arch Grill, Inc., for refund on victualer's license fee.

John V. Daniels, for compensation for injuries and damage to property caused by car of Weights and Measures Department.

Elizabeth F. Devine, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Charles Gray, for compensation for damage to property at 616 Washington street, Brighton, by city men.

Hearst Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 600 Commercial street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Morton Ladge, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Beacon street, near Commonwealth avenue.

Francis J. McLaughlin, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Lewis A. Ruffin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Ball street, near Washington street.

Marie D. Saunders, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in installing drain at 114 Conant street, Roxbury.

Edward Simons, for compensation for damage to property at 285 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury, caused by defective drains.

James F. Terry, for compensation for loss of eyeglasses at Boston City Hospital.

U. S. Leather Company, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.

Executive.

Petition of Lillian M. Driscoll, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Daniel E. Driscoll, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Julia V. McCarthy, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Thomas J. McCarthy, late member of Fire Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Blue Hill Bowlaway by Samuel Epstein, 6 Livingstone street, Dorchester, Ward 14, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Applications for minors' licenses were received from 11 newsboys. Licenses granted under usual conditions.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held January 4, 1951, at 10 A.M., on petition of Transit Bus Line, Inc., for operation of motor vehicles from Forest Hills MTA Station along Washington street to Dedham-Boston line.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on January 18, at 2.15 P.M., on petition of Boston and Maine Railroad for approval of substitution of electric signals, in the form of half gates and dial flashing lights, for the present protection by gates manually operated, part time, at the Charles River Avenue grade crossing in Charlestown. The department will view said crossing on January 5, 1951, at approximately 10.30 A.M.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at its hearing room on January 11 at 10 A.M., on reopening and rehearing as to rates and charges of Boston Edison Company.

Severally placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of hearing to be held January 9, 1951, at 2.30 P.M., on petition of State Airport Management Board for license to dredge and place fill in Boston Harbor at Winthrop Shore and Logan Airport.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL BY STATE HOUSING BOARD.

Notice was received from the State Housing Board of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority of $10,310.38 for following items: Captain John's Hill project: 3-way polarized receptacles, $1,636.13, and wood thresholds, $1,182.50; Hawthorne Street project: wood thresholds, $382.70, 3-way polarized receptacles $886.95, and laundry trays $6,222.10.

Notice was received from the State Housing Board of approval of expenditure by the Boston Housing Authority of $3,529.70 for planning services on the Cow Pasture site, Dorchester.

Notice was received from the State Housing Board of approval of expenditure by the Boston Housing Authority of $15,360.43 for following items: River street 17-house project: laundry trays $522.40; River street 25-house project: laundry trays $2,041.68, 3-way polarized receptacles $976.32, and additional electrical outlets $883.65; Cottage Street project: laundry trays $750, and additional electrical outlets, $1,732.26; River street 17-house project: carting loam, $675.47; River street 25-house project: additional electrical outlets $541.80; Tileston street and Sawyer avenue projects: additional electrical outlets $387.00; Sawyer avenue project: laundry trays $1,890.40; River street 30-house project: rock excavation $1,871.89, and additional electrical outlets $922.30; River street 36-house project: additional conductors $1,482.74; River street 16-house project: additional foundations $682.52.

Severally placed on file.

CLEARING OF SKATING AREAS AFTER SNOWSTORMS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Park Commissioner to have the Recreation Division either devise some system by which they clear the snow from the skating areas under the Boston Park system, or work out a plan with the Fire Department to reflood the skating areas after a snowstorm.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CENTRALIZED MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE DIVISION.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Budget Commissioner to make a study as to the advisability of setting up a centralized mimeograph machine division to service all departments in City Hall and City Hall Annex.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK.

Coun. SULLIVAN called up No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Order to accept section 33B of chapter 149 of the General Laws as inserted by chapter 653

of the Acts of 1950 entitled "An Act Further Regulating the Hours of Employment of City and Town Employees."

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred December 18) appropriating $16,278.47 from income of George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, McColgan, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, Wenzler—15.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred December 18) of Andreas Dedekam as Weigher of Coal, and Lucius H. Floyd, Jr., and Ralph H. Floyd, as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1951—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted that when it adjourned it would be to meet on Tuesday, January 2, 1951, at 11 A.M.

On motion of Councilor Hannon to reconsider the foregoing vote, the motion was lost.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Coun. KINSELLA, for the Committee on Inspection of Prisons, submitted the following:

The Committee on Inspection of Prisons respectfully submits the following report of commitments to and discharges and transfers from the Suffolk County House of Correction and Charles Street Jail during the municipal year 1950.

MICHAEL L. KINSELLA, Chairman.

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Suffolk County, House of Correction.
June 16, 1950.

To the Inspectors of the Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to and the discharges from the Suffolk County House of Correction at Deer Island from December 16, 1949, to June 15, 1950:

Remaining December 15, 1949	632
Committed	1,424
Discharged	1,378
Remaining June 15, 1950	678

Showing How Discharged.

Expiration of sentence	799
Expiration of sentence and fine paid	46
Permit of Penal Institutions Commissioner	492
Expiration of sentence, fine paid, and permit of Penal Institutions Commissioner	1
Expiration of sentence and permit of Penal Institutions Commissioner	8
Order of the court	6
Escaped	3
Paroled by the Department of Correction	1
Transferred to	
Boston Psychopathic Hospital	2
Charles Street Jail	12
Concord Reformatory	5
Dedham House of Correction	1
Grafton State Hospital	1
Westboro State Hospital	1

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT F. MACKIE, Master.

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Suffolk County, House of Correction.
December 16, 1950.

To the Inspectors of the Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to and the discharges from the Suffolk County House of Correction at Deer Island from June 16, 1950 to December 15, 1950.

Remaining June 15, 1950	678
Committed	1,399
Discharged	1,488
Remaining December 15, 1950	589

Showing How Discharged.

Expiration of sentence	855
Expiration of sentence and fine paid	25
Permit of Penal Institutions Commissioner	566
Expiration of sentence and permit of Penal Institutions Commissioner	5
Order of the court	7
Died	1
Escaped	2
Transferred to	
Barnstable House of Correction	2
Boston State Hospital	4
Bridgewater State Farm	1
Charles Street Jail	9
Danvers State Hospital	1
Dedham House of Correction	2
Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord	5
Norfolk Prison Colony	3

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT F. MACKIE, Master.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
County of Suffolk,
Office of Sheriff,
Frederick R. Sullivan,
June 30, 1950.

To the Inspectors of Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to and the discharges from the Suffolk County Jail from December 15, 1949, to June 30, 1950.

Remaining December 15, 1949, males, 163; females, 40; total, 203.

Committed from December 15, 1949, to June 30, 1950, males, 4,306; females, 583; total, 4,889.

Discharged from December 15, 1949, to June 30, 1950, males, 4,281; females, 579; total, 4,860.

Remaining June 30, 1950, males, 188; females, 44; total, 232.

Poor debtors remaining December 15, 1949	0
Poor debtors committed December 15, 1949, to June 30, 1950	0
Poor debtors remaining June 30, 1950	0
Escapes	0
Recaptures	0
Insane	28
Deaths	0

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK R. SULLIVAN,
Sheriff and Jailer.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
County of Suffolk,
Office of Sheriff,
Frederick R. Sullivan,
December 31, 1950.

To the Inspectors of Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to and the discharges from the Suffolk County Jail from June 30, 1950, to December 31, 1950.

Remaining June 30, 1950, males, 188; females, 44; total, 232.

Committed from June 30, 1950, to December 31, 1950, males, 3,690; females, 441; total, 4,131.

Discharged from June 30, 1950, to December 31, 1950, males, 3,754; females, 467; total, 4,221.
Remaining December 31, 1950, males, 117; females, 31; total, 148.

Poor debtors remaining June 30, 1950	0
Poor debtors committed June 30, 1950, to December 31, 1950	0
Poor debtors discharged June 30, 1950, to December 31, 1950	0
Escapes	0
Recaptures	0
Insane	28
Deaths	2

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. McMORROW,
Special Sheriff and Jailer.
FREDERICK R. SULLIVAN,
Sheriff.

The report of the committee was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition (referred today) of Blue Hill Bowlaway for license to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day—recommending that license be granted.
Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS FOR WELFARE OFFICES.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to assign additional social workers to the various welfare offices that are now running behind in their investigations; also to check and see if it is true that each social worker has over 150 cases to take care of. The new system of social workers investigating cases from any of the three aid departments seems quite a burden for the number of social workers employed.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. McCOLGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Walter H. Thornton (referred December 4) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as employee of Sanitary Division, Public Works Department — recommending passage of the accompanying order:
Ordered, That the sum of one hundred sixty-four dollars and thirty-one cents ($164.31) be allowed and paid to Walter H. Thornton in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as an employee of the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department —said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Executions of Court, Damage Claims and Reimbursements.
Report accepted; said order passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council moved to take a recess at 12 o'clock noon subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President Hurley at 3.13 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RAMSEY for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on petition of Mary F. Jennings (referred August 28) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, William E. Jennings, late member of the Police Department—recommending passage of following order:
Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,500 be allowed and paid to Mary F. Jennings, widow of William E. Jennings, a member of the Police Department, who died on June 13, 1950, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and six orders (referred today) naming intersections in honor of deceased veterans of World War II—recommending that orders be passed.
The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and resolution (referred today) for conveyance of Old Colony project in South Boston to the Boston Housing Authority—recommending adoption of the resolution.
The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

4. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) exempting Boston Housing Authority and persons acting in its stead from certain license and permit fees—recommending passage of the ordinance.
Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

5. Report on order (referred today) to accept section 33B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 653 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Further Regulating the Hours of Employment of City and Town Employees"—recommending passage of the order.
Report accepted; said order passed.

6. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations between departments—recommending passage of the orders.
The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 14, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, F. P. Tracey, P. A. Tracy, Wenzler—14.
Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. McCOLGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
The Committee on Claims respectfully submits the following report showing the disposition of claims during the municipal year 1950.

For the Committee,
JOHN J. McCOLGAN, Chairman.

Claims pending January 1, 1950		1,092
Claims received during 1950		890
Total		1,982
Claims disapproved during 1950		528
Claims approved during 1950		164
Reimbursements (claims against city employees—not suits)		85
Reimbursements (claims against city employees—suits)		40
		817
Total		1,165
Amount paid on approved claims	$28,672 37	
Amount paid on reimbursements—not suits	7,027 09	
Amount paid on reimbursements—suits	19,224 17	
Total	$54,923 63	
Claims pending January 1, 1951		1,165

The report of the committee was accepted.

SHELTERS WITHIN L STREET BATHS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install

shelters within the L Street baths for the convenience of the bathers.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF FENCE, L STREET BATHS.

Coun. McCOLGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the fence at the L Street baths, which was damaged by the recent heavy windstorms.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO PRESIDENT HURLEY.

Councilor Hannon, in behalf of the members of the Council, presented to President HURLEY an ivory gavel in appreciation of his services as President of the Council for the year 1950. President HURLEY expressed his thanks and his appreciation of the consideration and cooperation throughout the year of the Council members, Council attachés, and members of the press. (Applause.)

Adjourned at 3.30 P.M., on motion of Councilor Cook, to meet on Tuesday, January 2, 1951, at 11 A.M.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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